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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	2/20/62	8/12/61-2/14/62

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	SA JOHN P. MC HUGH	CMR

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Report of SA THOMAS D. MC GOLDRICK, JR., San Francisco, 8/15/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

A copy of this report is being designated for INS, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the Subject of a possible deportation case.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source		Date	Agent	File
SF T-1 [redacted]	Current residence	2/12/62	SA HARRY WINECOFF, orally	This report
	July CP			[redacted]

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Sources utilized to characterize the National Assembly for Democratic Rights (NADR) are:

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will follow and report Subject's activities.

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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
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8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 1/21/53.
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Subject's last known attendance at a CP meeting was on 8/9/61.

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[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to: 1 - INS, SAN FRANCISCO (C 433 1663)(REGISTERED)

Report of: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH
Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: February 20, 1962

Field Office File No.: 105-9593
Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside Colma, California, and continues employment as Assistant Professor of Art, Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. Attended meeting of the CP in San Francisco during July and August, 1961. Was one of several speakers at a meeting sponsored by the ARI, San Francisco, on 8/18/61. At instant meeting related his experiences on recent trip to Soviet Union. In October, 1961, was in attendance at Board of Directors' meeting, ARI. Is listed as a sponsor by NADR. ARNAUTOFF's wife, LYDIA, died during November, 1961.

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DETAILS

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

On February 12, 1962, THELMA REYNOLDS, Secretary, Office of the President, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to be employed as an Assistant Professor of Art at Stanford University.

His current residence address is listed as 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

Source: SF T-1
2/12/62

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COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

During July, 1961, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting of the Inner Mission Club, Number 2, of the San Francisco County CP, which was held at a private home in San Francisco, California, around the middle of the month. At this meeting, ARNAUTOFF was elected to a committee to look into security measures that the club planned to take.

Source: SF T-1
7/31/61

On August 9, 1961, the Inner Mission Club held a meeting at VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's residence at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, which the Subject attended.

Source: SF T-1
8/15/61

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE (ARI)

The American Russian Institute of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During July, 1961, the ARI distributed an announcement indicating on August 18, 1961, that organization was sponsoring a forum that would take place at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California. The announcement indicated that the subject matter would be "The World and Us, Prospects for Peace." Among the speakers listed was Professor VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

Source: SF T-2
7/28/61

The aforementioned meeting was held as scheduled at 150 Golden Gate Avenue on August 18, 1961, which was attended by about 175 people.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF spoke on the subject of his recent trip to the Soviet Union. He related that while in Russia he had become ill. He commented on the low cost of doctor's care, as well as the low cost of medicine. He stressed that it wasn't

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the cost of his illness that impressed him but it was the humane and sympathetic attitude toward the sick on the part of Soviet doctors and nurses that impressed him the most.

Continuing, he went on to describe the remainder of his trip noting that he had visited Moscow, Kiev and also Stalino, where he visited briefly with some relatives not further described.

Source: SF T-3
9/12/61

At the aforementioned meeting sponsored by the ARI, one of the principal speakers was VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

In his remarks ARNAUTOFF stressed the tremendous gains the Russian people have made since the time he left the Ukraine many years ago. He mentioned the fact that the Russian people want peace but they are prepared to fight, and that if the United States fights then we (The United States) will be destroyed.

ARNAUTOFF dwelt on the improvements in the living standards of the Russian people since the time of the Tsars. He said that he brought fraternal greetings from the Russian people to the American people and stated that relatives he visited had told him to talk to the American people and tell them that the Russian people do not want war. He indicated that he was also told to tell the American people that they should use their influence on the politicians in this country to keep us from getting into war.

Source: SF T-4
8/22/61

Mr. HENRY W. BARBRIDGE, an engineer for Hubbard and Company, 1250 45th Street, Emeryville, California, on September 28, 1961, furnished the following information to SA EVERETT W. NELSON;

On August 18, 1961, at the invitation of a friend, he attended an affair held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, and sponsored by the ARI. He stated that he did not know what type of a gathering this would be prior to his attendance.

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One of the speakers was Professor VICTOR ARNAUTOFF of Stanford University, who noted that he had been born in Russia and had recently returned from a three weeks' tour of that country.

He indicated that the Russians were eagerly working for a higher standard of living, and mentioned that socialized medicine was highly successful in the Soviet Union. He stated that he had been impressed by the honesty and attitude of the people toward each other and foreigners, and added that he had been free to tour any place day or night in the Soviet Union.

At the August 18, 1961, meeting of the ARI at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, one of the featured speakers, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, spoke of his recent travels in Russia and the improvements that he had noted since he was there in 1917. He described the Russian way of life as being a relaxed and happy life.

Source: SF T-5
8/30/61

In his remarks at the aforementioned meeting, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF dwelt on his recent visit to the Soviet Union. He noted that he had the flu for four days while in Russia, and related how wonderfully efficient socialized medicine was there. He noted that he was treated free by Soviet doctors and compared this with the treatment afforded by American physicians who treat you according to how much you can pay.

He also mentioned the marvelous opera and art programs he attended.

Source: SF T-6
9/8/61

On October 10, 1961, a Board of Directors' luncheon of the Directors of the ARI was held at the Offices of that institute, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at the aforementioned affair.

Source: SF T-3
10/16/61

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On October 31, 1961, another meeting of the Board of Directors of the ARI was held. This gathering was also held at the Offices of the institute, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, and was attended by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, among others.

Source: SF T-3
11/3/61

On November 19, 1961, the ARI sponsored a celebration which was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. This affair had the multiple purpose of celebrating the 44th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution, the 30th year of the ARI in San Francisco, and the 75th birthday of ROSE ISAAK, the secretary of the ARI.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at the aforementioned gathering.

Source: SF T-3
12/6/61

MISCELLANEOUS

The July 28, 1961, edition of "Novaya Zarya" on page 3 contained an article by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF entitled "Three Weeks in the Homeland."

"Novaya Zarya" is a Russian language newspaper published in San Francisco daily except Sunday, Monday and holidays.

Pertinent portions of the article are as follows:

"On the evening of May 17 we boarded the Soviet turbo jet...and 45 minutes later we were in Leningrad. It is very difficult to relate the excitement, that feeling of joyous expectation of meeting with the Homeland that seized us upon seeing the shores and the first city of the native country...

"At first glance one does not see the destruction of the last war (in Leningrad)...One feels that 'toiling people, fighting people' live here."

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The remainder of the article went on to describe the excellent living and working conditions in the Soviet Union, and the polite and friendly nature of the Soviet people.

On August 13, 1961, a fund raising party for the benefit of the "People's World" was held in a private home in Palo Alto, California.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended this affair and spoke on his recent trip to the Soviet Union.

The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

Source: SF T-7
8/21/61

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, is listed as a sponsor for the National Assembly for Democratic Rights.

Source: SF T-8
8/29/61

See Appendix Pages for National Assembly for Democratic Rights.

The Subject's wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, died during November, 1961.

Source: SF T-9
11/10/61

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR
DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS (NADR)

A source advised on August 23, 1961, that an enlarged meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), National Executive Committee (NEC) was held in New York City on June 10 - 11, 1961, at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

According to the source, the main topic of discussion at this meeting was the CP's plans in regard to combating the June 5, 1961 decision of the United States Surpreme Court requiring the CP to register with the Attorney General of the United States, as a Communist action organization, pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and the court's decision of the same date, upholding the April 21, 1955 conviction of JUNIUS SCALES under the Smith Act provision covering membership in the CP.

This source further advised that JACK STACHEL, a member of the National Committee (NC), CPUSA, addressed this meeting and spoke on the need of bringing into being a national defense conference on behalf of the CPUSA. STACHEL then listed a number of individuals, indicating that they were characteristic of a national body of liberals and progressives, who should be approached and convinced to take the leadership in organizing such a national conference.

The source further stated that as a result of this meeting and other meetings of CP functionaries, the National Assembly For Democratic Rights (NADR) was organized. According to the source, this group has issued a call to action in defense of the Constitution of the United States and the preservation of the Bill of Rights and has scheduled an assembly to be held at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on September 23 - 24, 1961.

The source further advised that a leaflet issued by the NADR announcing this assembly contains a partial list of sponsors of the NADR. Included in this list of individuals are the same individuals mentioned by STACHEL as persons to be contacted in the organizing of such an assembly.

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According to the source, the offices of the NADR are located at 118 East 28th Street, Room 703, New York City. JOSEPH BRANDT, who the CP has placed in charge of the dissemination of literature of the NADR, is employed at this office.

Another source on January 31, 1961 identified JOSEPH BRANDT as a member of Club #2 of the Upper West Side CP Section, New York District CP.

A third source made available on August 24, 1961, a leaflet captioned, "What is the National Assembly for Democratic Rights." This leaflet, which states that it was published by the NADR, 118 East 28th Street, New York, New York, reads as follows:

> "The National Assembly For Democratic Rights is a single-action undertaking. It is confined to bringing together in NYC, on September 23 - 24, an all-inclusive gathering -- from all parts of the United States -- of representatives and supporters of every plea for reversal or non-application of the June 5th decisions of the Supreme Court on the Smith and McCarran Acts. Its object is to rally public opinion and give organized voice to the defense of Constitutional freedoms, especially as guaranteed by the First and Fifth Amendments, endangered by these five to four rulings of the Court.
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> "The National Assembly is being initiated and organized by a number of citizens, each acting as individuals, concerned with the preservation of democratic rights. Sponsorship of this gathering implies no more than agreement with any essential aspect of the dissenting opinions of Chief Justice Warren or of Justice Black, Douglas or Brennan on the membership clause of the Smith Act and the registration provisions of the McCarran Act.
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> "Full and equal participation in the Assembly is open to all who are at least in such minimum agreement in order to register, in concert, the desire of those

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for whom they may speak, that all branches of the Government should withhold application of these repressive measures by whatever means are within their power. No further commitment is required as a condition for participation, nor is it to be implied by virtue of taking part in this gathering. Neither is it intended that the Assembly shall entertain any resolutions or decisions bearing upon controversy or differences among its constituent about any other matter.

"The National Assembly for Democratic Rights is not a permanent or continuing organization. Rather than enrolling a membership of its own, it will count upon revitalized activity by all groups devoted to constitutional liberties, and upon greater unity of effort amongst them, to carry forward the necessary work in defense of democratic rights.

"After adjournment of the National Assembly, its sponsors may choose to intensify their effors -- each in his own way -- through existing permanent organizations, to achieve the purposes for which we shall have met, hopeful that our gathering may have awakened the conscience of our country and helped rouse it to save its democratic heritage and future."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

February 20, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-9593

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH dated and captioned as above at San Francisco.

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SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	3/9/62	3/6/62 - 3/7/62

TITLE OF CASE

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

REPORT MADE BY: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH

TYPED BY: slm

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH, dated 2/20/62, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A copy of this report is being designated for Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the Subject of a possible deportation case.

Reference is made to the report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH, dated February 20, 1962. Material set forth in instant report was not included in referenced report, since the channelizing memoranda containing this data were inadvertently misfiled.

Material set forth in the details of instant report is paraphrased and set forth in a manner to protect the identity of the informant involved.

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INFORMANTS

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SF T-1: [redacted]	Residence and Employment	3/6/62	SA HARRY K. WINECOFF, Orally	This Report
	CP Meetings			
	8/28/61	9/13/61		
	9/18/61	10/6/61		
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LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report Subject's activities.

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Report of: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH
Date: 3/9/62
Office: San Francisco, California

Field Office File No.: 105-9593
Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title:

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside Colma, California, and continues employment as Assistant Professor of Art, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. Between August, 1961, and to and including January, 1962, ARNAUTOFF regularly attended meetings of the Inner Mission Club Number 2 of the San Francisco County Communist Party.

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DETAILS:

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continues to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. He continues his employment as Assistant Professor of Art at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

(SF T-1, 3/6/62)

Between August, 1961, and to and including January, 1962, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of the Inner Mission Club Number 2 of the San Francisco County Communist Party (CP). He regularly attended meetings of this club during the above mentioned period, attending approximately six such meetings. These meetings were held in the homes of the various club members and one such meeting was held in ARNAUTOFF's home during October, 1961.

ARNAUTOFF paid his quarterly dues for the last quarter of 1961; namely, for the months of October, November, and December of that year. His CP club dues amount to $1.00 per month.

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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

At a meeting of the aforementioned club held in early January, 1962, ARNAUTOFF reportedly announced to those present that it would be very inconvenient for comrades to conduct their club meeting at his home. He is reported to have stated that due to a lessening of U.S. Government restrictions some Soviet citizens can now come to San Francisco. He added that in many cases he is asked to act as a guide for these individuals, and reportedly concluded that as a result of this his home is naturally under surveillance, and consequently it is dangerous to have CP club meetings there.

(SF T-1, from 9/13/61 to 1/24/62)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California
March 9, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **105-9593**

Title **VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF**

Character **INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Reference **Report of Special Agent JOHN P. MC HUGH, dated and captioned as above, at San Francisco.**

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SAC, San Francisco (105-9593) May 31, 1962

Director, FBI (100-47675)

1 - Mr. Jackson
1 - Miss Triplett

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By letter dated 5-18-62, Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, sent the Bureau a number of form postal cards which were addressed to President John F. Kennedy, The White House, Washington, D. C. Enclosed is one Xerox copy of a card which appears to have been sent by the subject. (100-437904-3)

Page five of the Sunday, 4-8-62, issue of "The Worker" contains a reproduction of an unsigned postal card reading the same as the enclosed card. According to a statement appearing immediately beneath the reproduction, these cards are distributed by the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (CCCL), 22 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, and may be purchased from the CCCL.

Enclosure

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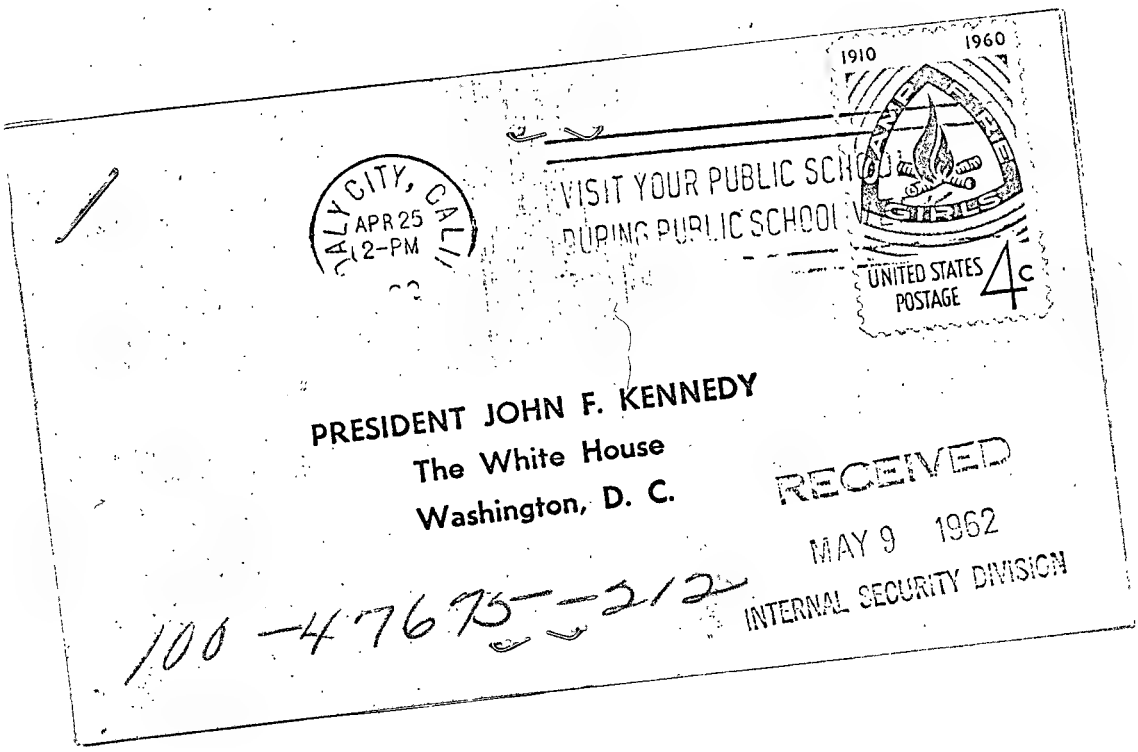
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Dear Mr. President:

As an avid reader, and a prolific writer, you will understand my alarm at the thought of a McCarran Act LABEL on a newspaper of dissenting political opinion.

You have spoken against the Birchites, yet the subpoenas served on the personnel of The Worker only encourage the ultra-right and threaten the survival of the free press.

I urge that you suspend enforcement of the McCarran Act and protect the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press . . ."

Sincerely,

(Name) [illegible]

(Address) 1007 Washington St.
Colma, Calif.

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1 - Mr. Rushing

SAC, San Francisco (100-28810B)

June 13, 1962

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, FBI (100-356062 Sub 47)

DETPRO
SEARCHES

Reurlet dated June 8, 1962.

There are enclosed two copies of a memorandum forwarded to the Department amending and replacing data previously transmitted concerning the residence of Victor Michael Arnautoff for search under the authority of the Master Search Warrant, pursuant to your recommendation.

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1 - 100-47675 (Arnautoff)

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-47675) DATE: 8/20/62

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (105-9593)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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[ ] It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

[X] The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

Name		
Aliases		
[ ] Native Born	[ ] Naturalized	[ ] Alien
[ ] Communist	[ ] Socialist Workers Party	[ ] Independent Socialist League
[ ] Miscellaneous *(specify)*		
[ ] Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex [ ] Male [ ] Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)* **Retired.**		
Key Facility Data Geographical Reference Number Interested Agencies	Responsibility 100-47675	
Residence Address	NOT RECORDED 25 AUG 22 1962	

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	8/20/62	3/10/62 - 8/16/62

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	SA JOHN P. MC HUGH	slm

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Posted KF 8/24/62 CDJ

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH, 3/9/62, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A copy of this report is being designated for INS, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the Subject of a possible deportation case.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date and/or Description of Activity	Date Information Furnished	Agent To Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
SF T-1: [redacted]	Status as to Residence and Employment	8/10/62	KENNETH F. MOORE (orally)	This report

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	CP meeting, 3/6/62			
	CP meeting, 4/26/62			
	CP meeting, 5/15/62			
	CP meeting, 6/12/62			
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SF T-2: [redacted]	3/27/62			
	4/24/62			
SF T-3: [redacted]				

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1. [x] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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3. [x] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [x] A suitable photograph [x] is [ ] is not available.
5. [x] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [x] This report is classified **confidential** because (state reason)

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data reported from [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

8. [x] Subject previously interviewed (dates) **1/21/53**.
   [x] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

during initial interview, Subject refused to make any statements or answer any questions. Information furnished by reliable informants since that time indicates that ARNAUTOFF continues to be a militant Communist, who has expressed open hostility toward the U.S. Government. It is not believed an interview at this time would be productive.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [x] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Subject's last known attendance at a CP meeting was on June 12, 1962.

11. [x] Subject's SI card [x] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [x] Subject's activities [x] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663)(RM)

Report of: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH Office: San Francisco, California
Date: 8/20/62

Field Office File No.: 105-9593 Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside Colma, California, and is presently retired. He has been a regular attendant at meetings of the Inner Mission Club No. 2 of the San Francisco County Communist Party (CP) during the early and middle part of 1962. He has been in attendance at two meetings of the Board of Directors of the American Russian Institute of San Francisco during 1962.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF currently resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is presently retired, from his former position of Assistant Professor of Art at Stanford University.

(SF T-1, 8/10/62)

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

Between February 1, 1962, and mid-June, 1962, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended five regularly scheduled meetings of the Inner Mission Club No. 2 of the San Francisco County Communist Party (CP), which were held at various private homes in the

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San Francisco area. Two of these meetings were held at ARNAUTOFF's home.

ARNAUTOFF paid his dues to the above-mentioned club for the first quarter of 1962, paying $1.00 per month for January, February, and March of that year.

At a meeting held during March, 1962, ARNAUTOFF reportedly displayed a picture which he had painted and which he intended to donate to the Inner Mission Club No. 2 so that this club could raffle this picture and furnish the proceeds to the "People's World" fund drive.

(SF T-1, 3/12/62; 3/14/62; 4/2/62; 5/2/62; 5/16/62; and 7/3/62)

The "People's World" is a West Coast weekly Communist publication.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE (ARI)

The ARI of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On March 27, 1962, and on April 24, 1962, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at luncheons given by the members of the Board of Directors of the ARI, which were held at the offices of the ARI, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

(SF T-2, 3/29/62 and 5/1/62)

MISCELLANEOUS

On March 16, 1962, a social gathering sponsored by the "People's World" (supra) was held at the "People's World" headquarters, 81 Clementina Street, San Francisco.

During the course of the above-mentioned affair, a painting by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was displayed and chances were sold on this painting. The proceeds were to go for the benefit of the "People's World".

(SF T-3, 3/19/62)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 105-9593

San Francisco, California

August 20, 1962

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Report of Special Agent JOHN P. MC HUGH, dated and captioned as above, at San Francisco

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 11/6/62

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF,
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San Francisco was requested in the absence of identifying data in Bureau files to identify the DAVYDOVs and thereafter determine if there is sufficient information to warrant a security investigation.

BORIS DAVYDOV is also known as BORIS IVANOVICH DAVIDOFF. By letter of 10/19/62 captioned "BORIS I. DAVIDOFF, aka BORIS I. DAVYDOV; IS - R," the Bureau forwarded certain translations of material written by DAVIDOFF. This communication noted DAVIDOFF's Bureau file was 105-18814. Not in main file.

DAVIDOFF is the subject of San Francisco file 105-6595. He is a naturalized citizen of the United States who arrived in this country from the Orient in 1940. He currently resides at 355 Los Cerros Drive, San Rafael, California, and is employed as an engineer by the American Can Company in San Francisco. Mrs. DAVIDOFF is a housewife who supplements the family income by teaching Russian at their residence.

In addition to his employment at the American Can Company, DAVIDOFF considers himself to be a writer. In this connection he writes articles for "Novaya Zarya," a Russian language newspaper published five times a week in San Francisco.

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In 1960 DAVIDOFF took a trip to the Soviet Union and since his return has written numerous articles in "Novaya Zarya" regarding his experiences while in Russia. These articles, bearing such titles as "Travel Sketches" and "On The Native Soil," have been translated and reviewed by this office to determine if DAVIDOFF was publishing any pro-Soviet propaganda material therein. Generally speaking, these articles are lengthy accounts of visits to historical monuments, churches, monasteries and museums which dealt in great detail with the historical personalities and events associated with these monuments and buildings, and consist of general ramblings on Russia history, culture, literature, art, artists, authors, architecture and theatre.

In his writings, DAVIDOFF studiously avoids any discussion of the Soviet political system and is neither critical or complimentary toward it.

His writings repeatedly reflect a strong nationalistic feeling for Russia as evidenced by a statement in one of his articles to the effect that regardless of how good it is in a foreign land the Russian is tormented by a longing and nostalgia for his native land.

San Francisco has no information reflecting that DAVIDOFF has ever engaged in any communist or Communist Party front activities except that in 1944 he reportedly desired to become a member of the American Russian Institute. There is no data reflecting that he did become active in this organization.

In late 1961 neighbors of DAVIDOFF were interviewed and advised that he and his wife have never given any indication of being pro-Soviet and that they are active in the Russian Orthodox Church in San Anselmo, which is not under the control of the Moscow Patriarch ALEXII.

A former co-worker at the American Can Company with DAVIDOFF from 1956 to 1960, has advised that he is well regarded at that company and that he has never said or done anything which would lead his fellow employees to consider that he possesses pro-communist or pro-Soviet sympathies. The files of this office contain no information of an unfavorable nature regarding Mrs. DAVIDOFF.

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Former SA GLENN PAULSON (retired) has been taking Russian language lessons from Mrs. DAVIDOFF in her home for over a two year period. He has advised that she has never said or done anything which would lead him to believe that she possesses pro-Soviet sympathies.

In view of the above, no further action is being taken by this office regarding the DAVIDOFFs unless the contents of Bureau file 105-18814 contain information which would warrant further action by this office.

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SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	2/19/63	8/17/62 - 2/13/63

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	JOHN P. MC HUGH	mhb

CHARACTER OF CASE

IS - C

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH dated 8/20/62, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report is being designated for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), San Francisco, California, inview of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the subject of a possible deportation case.

The Special Agent, who observed Subject in the San Francisco Civic Center, as set forth in the details of this report, is HARRISON P. FOX.

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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INFORMANTS:

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SF T-1 is [redacted]	Residence and Employment	2/12/63	KENNETH F. MOORE (Orally)	This Report, Page 1.
FOIA(b)(7)-(D)	CP Meetings: 7/10/62			[redacted]
	9/17/62			
	10/10/62			
	10/30/62			
SF T-2 is [redacted]	Volunteer ARI Work	2/12/63	STANLEY F. FEWSTER (Orally)	This Report, Page 2.
	Bolshoi Ballet	10/18/62	"	105-9593-245
	"Zarya"	11/5/62	"	105-9593-246
	Meeting 12/18/62	1/8/63	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	[redacted]
SF T-3 is [redacted]	Invitation of Ambassador DOBRYNON			
	Washington, D.C., 11/62			

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SF T-3 (continued):				
	Contact NCCPFB			
SF T-4 is [redacted]	FOIA(b)(7)-(D)			[redacted]
SF T-5 is [redacted]				
SF T-6 is [redacted]				
SF T-7 is [redacted]				

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will follow and report Subject's activities.

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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.

XXXXX [XX] This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)

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data received from [redacted] and [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof. In addition, material furnished by [redacted]

8. [XX] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 1/21/53.
XX [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

during initial interview Subject refused to make any statement or answer any questions. Information furnished by reliable informants since that time indicates ARNAUTOFF continues to be a militant Communist, and consequently it is not believed an interview at this time would be productive.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [XX] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of

Subject's attendance at a closed Communist Party meeting on October 30, 1962, and his capacity as a leading functionary in the ARI at San Francisco.

11. [XX] Subject's SI card [XX] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[XX] Subject's activities [XX] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663) (RM)

Report of: JOHN P. MC HUGH
Date: 2/19/63

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File No.: 105-9593

Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at Colma, California, and is presently retired. He has been in attendance at meetings of the Inner Mission Club Number 2 of the San Francisco County Communist Party, July - October 1962. In the absence of the President of the ARI, has taken a leading part in the activities of that organization during 1962.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF currently resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is presently retired from his former position of Assistant Professor of Art at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

SF T-1, 2/12/63.

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COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

Between the first part of July 1962 and the latter part of October 1962, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended four regularly-scheduled meetings of the Inner Mission Club Number 2 of the San Francisco County Communist Party (SFCCP). These meetings were held at various private homes in the San Francisco area, and three of these meetings were reportedly held at ARNAUTOFF's home.

SF T-1, 8/2/62;
10/2/62;
11/2/62.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE (ARI)

The ARI of San Francisco has been designated by the Antorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

From approximately June 1, 1962 to the latter part of November of that year, the President of the ARI was away from the United States on a prolonged trip overseas.

In the absence of the President of the ARI, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had spent considerable time at the headquarters of the organization and was doing volunteer work on behalf of the ARI.

SF T-2, 2/12/63.

On September 26, 1962, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was one of three members of the Executive Committee of the ARI, who extended an invitation to Soviet Ambassador A. F. DOBRYNON, inviting him to be a guest of the organization at the group's celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, which was scheduled to take place at San Francisco, California, on November 30, 1962.

SF T-3, 10/12/62.

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During October 1962, the Bolshoi Ballet visited San Francisco, California. The ARI made arrangements to entertain members of the ballet group, and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in charge of arranging for guides for sightseeing tours of San Francisco, providing interpreters, and in general assisting the ballet while that group was in San Francisco.

SF T-2, 10/18/62.

On November 2, 1962, the Soviet ship, "ZARYA," was in San Francisco Harbor. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was in charge of ARI arrangements regarding visiting and entertainment of the ship's personnel.

SF T-2, 11/5/62.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was reported to have left San Francisco on November 6, 1962, for Washington, D. C. He was believed to be traveling to Washington to represent the ARI at the anniversary celebration of the Russian Revolution, which was scheduled to be held at the Russian Embassy in early November 1962.

It was believed that ARNAUTOFF would represent the ARI in the absence of its President, who was then overseas, but the source of this information emphasized he had no positive information reflecting that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had, in fact, traveled to Washington as scheduled.

SF T-3, 12/27/62.

Prior to the ARI's holding its 45th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Soviet State, which was scheduled for November 30, 1962, in San Francisco, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, on behalf of the organization, communicated with other groups locally and throughout the United States to clear the date of November 30, 1962, so as to not have any conflict with other groups that may have scheduled their affairs for this day. One such group contacted by the Subject(who seemed to be taking a leading part in the ARI's activities in the absence abroad of its President) was the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NCCPFB) (see Appendix page).

SF T-3, 12/27/62.

On December 18, 1962, a meeting, billed as the "First Executive Committee Meeting for the Fall," was held at ARI headquarters, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at the above-mentioned meeting.

SF T-2, 1/8/63.

MISCELLANEOUS

A meeting of the San Francisco Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (SFCCPAF) (see Appendix page) was held at 750 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, on October 8, 1962, with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in attendance.

SF T-4, 10/11/62.

On October 27, 1962, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was observed by a Special Agent of the FBI in the Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco, at a rally which was held to protest the President's quarantine action against Cuba.

The NCCPFB sponsored a reception which was held on November 25, 1962, at 523 17th Avenue, San Francisco. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at this reception.

SF T-5, 11/28/62;
SF T-6, 11/27/62.

During the early part of December 1962, on four different dates, a benefit bazaar was held at the offices of the "People's World", 81 Clementina Street, San Francisco. Proceeds from the sale of goods offered at this bazaar were to go to the "People's World." VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was observed at this bazaar.

SF T-7, 12/12/62.

The "People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper published at San Francisco.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Daily People's World," now known as the "People's World," a West Coast Communist newspaper, of November 2, 1950, page 10, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Northern California Committee for Foreign Born Planned." This article stated that plans for the organization of a Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born would be made at a meeting on November 6, 1950, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

A source advised on April 25, 1962, that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, although an independent organization, carries out a program of activity in Northern California which coincides with the aims of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB).

The source further advised that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born continues to be active in defending the foreign born in deportation proceedings and in securing support for the repeal of the Walter-McCarran Law.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SAN FRANCISCO CITIZENS COMMITTEE
TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS (SFCCPAF)

A source advised on April 7, 1960, that a San Francisco affiliate of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF) had been established at a meeting held in San Francisco on April 4, 1960. The source advised that the San Francisco affiliate, to be known as the San Francisco CCPAF, would carry out in Northern California, the program of the CCPAF.

Source advised on April 17, 1962, that the San Francisco CCPAF is active.

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, contains the following on Page 43 concerning "Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms":

1. "The (Communist) party's front operations in the Southern California District today are * * * confined to four major organizations," which include the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms.

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms * * * specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles in 1952, the front organization is run by Frank Wilkinson, an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time, paid post of executive secretary after approximately a year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings in Los Angeles September 2-5, 1958, to inquire into the nature of the party's recent reorganization in California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest the hearings and the very existence of the committee. Communists subpenaed as witnesses were guests of honor.

"At this time, leaders of the party's Southern California District were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman Dorothy Healey in a report to the party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. Healey declared that the party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses could not appear beforehand at openly Communist rallies without creating the impression that the party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 259 on the Southern California District of the Communist Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8.)

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APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-9593

February 19, 1963

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Report of Special Agent JOHN P. MC HUGH, dated and captioned as above at San Francisco.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Arnautoff to paint in USSR

SAN FRANCISCO — Victor Arnautoff, well-known California painter and retired professor of art at Stanford University, has announced he will leave soon to spend the next year in the Soviet Union.

By special arrangement with Soviet art groups he will hold exhibitions of his paintings, confer with artists in different sections of the country, travel and paint.

This will be Prof. Arnautoff's second visit since he left his homeland in 1920. He will be one of the few American artists to be given the opportunity to live and paint in the Soviet Union for so extensive a visit.

Friends of Arnautoff have organized a bon voyage reception to be held in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. Tickets for dessert supper and program are available at the American Russian Institute at $2.50 each.

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The Washington Daily News
The Evening Star
New York Herald Tribune
New York Journal-American
New York Mirror
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New York Post
The New York Times
The Worker
The New Leader
The Wall Street Journal
The National Observer
Date 4/13/63
People's World P.3

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-47675) DATE: 4/15/63

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (105-9593)(P)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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[ ] It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

[XXX] The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

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[ ] Native Born [ ] Naturalized [ ] Alien

[ ] Communist [ ] Socialist Workers Party [ ] Independent Socialist League

[ ] Miscellaneous *(specify)*

[ ] Tab for Detcom | Race | Sex [ ] Male [ ] Female

Date of Birth | Place of Birth

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Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

Interested Agencies _____

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1465 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California

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2 - Bureau (RM)
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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

April 24, 1963

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Reddy

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John P. McHugh dated February 19, 1963, at San Francisco, California, a copy of which was forwarded to the Records Administration Office on March 5, 1963.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated April 15, 1963, at San Francisco, California, which sets out information regarding proposed travel to the Soviet Union by Victor Michael Arnautoff. The confidential informants designated as T-1 and T-2 in the attached memorandum have not been the subjects of previous inquiries by the Department.

It is noted that Arnautoff was issued United States Passport B 273641 on April 10, 1961, and traveled to the Soviet Union in May, 1961, returning to the United States in June, 1961.

This matter is being brought to your attention as a possible violation of Section 6 (a) (2) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. You will be promptly furnished any additional information developed by the Bureau regarding Arnautoff's proposed foreign travel.

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The Department of State has been furnished copies of all pertinent reports and memoranda on Arnautoff.

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1 - San Francisco (100-9593)

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Classified "Confidential" since it pertains to possible prosecutive plans of the Department involving current informants, the exposure of whom could adversely affect the national defense, and because it transmits a copy of a memorandum so classified.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 4/15/63

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593)(P)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a LHM dealing with the Subject's reported departure from the United States for the Soviet Union. One copy of this LHM has been furnished INS, San Francisco, for its information.

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SF T-1 mentioned in the attached LHM is [redacted] who furnished the reported information to SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER on 4/8/63.

SF T-2 is [redacted] who furnished the reported information on 4/8/63 to SA JAMES DUNPHY.

Any additional data developed by this office concerning the purpose of Subject's trip to the Soviet Union, his length of stay there, his itinerary, etc., will be promptly furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California

April 15, 1963

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

SF T-1 has advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, who presently resides at 1465 - 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California, was, during February, 1963, a member of the Inner Mission Club No. 2 of the San Francisco County Communist Party. ARNAUTOFF formerly resided at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and only recently moved to the above-mentioned address.

On April 8, 1963, SF T-1 related that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is presently scheduled to leave the United States on April 28, 1963. He will travel to the USSR and will proceed to the Soviet Union by air, via Canada.

SF T-1 related that he has no further details concerning ARNAUTOFF's itinerary or mode of travel, but advised that one associate of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's reported that he was going to Russia for permanent residence, while ARNAUTOFF told another close friend that he was going to be in the Soviet Union for six months only.

SF T-2 on April 8, 1963, advised that he was present at a meeting of the American Russian Institute held on Friday evening, April 5, 1963, at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

According to SF T-2, during the course of the above meeting, the President of the organization announced that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would be shortly leaving for the Soviet Union for the purpose of studying there for a period of one year. According to SF T-2, no further details were furnished concerning ARNAUTOFF's itinerary or mode of travel, nor were any further details forthcoming concerning the subject matter that ARNAUTOFF was to study.

The American Russian Institute of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

April 15, 1963

Title **VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF**

Character

Reference **San Francisco memorandum dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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April 23, 1963

Airtel

1 - Mr. Reddy

To: SAC, San Francisco (105-9593)

From: Director, FBI (100-47675)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

ReSFlet and letterhead memorandum dated 4-15-63.

Since subject will be traveling on U. S. Passport B273641 which was issued on 4-10-61, coverage should be intensified in order to determine his actual travel plans. Immediately advise Bureau when pertinent information is developed since if he leaves for the Soviet Union via Canada, evidence of the actual use of his passport to effect foreign travel will have to be developed through Canadian sources.

Also advise whether evidence is available regarding Arnautoff's knowledge of the 10-20-61 registration order against the Communist Party, USA, and regarding the provisions of Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Arnautoff, a current member of the Communist Party, USA, in San Francisco, has advised an informant that he plans to leave the U. S. on 4-28-63 for the Soviet Union via Canada. Arnautoff holds a valid U. S. passport issued on 4-10-61. Foreign travel by Arnautoff would place him within the purview of Section 6 (a) (2) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. The facts in this case are being furnished the Internal Security Division by separate communication.

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1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Reddy

Date: April 24, 1963

BY COURIER SERVICE

To: Director
Passport Office
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John P. McHugh dated February 19, 1963, at San Francisco, California, a copy of which was furnished to the Department of State on March 5, 1963.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated April 15, 1963, at San Francisco regarding proposed foreign travel by Arnautoff, who currently holds United States Passport B 273641 issued to him on April 10, 1961, at Washington, D. C. Also attached is an evaluation memorandum dated April 15, 1963, at San Francisco.

Any additional information regarding Arnautoff's proposed foreign travel will be promptly brought to your attention.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

100-47675-221

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1 - San Francisco (105-9593)

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Legal Attache, Ottawa April 25, 1963

Director, FBI (100-47675)

1 - Mr. Reddy

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Attached is one copy each of memoranda dated 4/15/63 and 4/22/63 at San Francisco, California, regarding proposed foreign travel by Arnautoff, who holds United States Passport B 273641, issued on 4/10/61.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Since Arnautoff is a current member of the Communist Party, USA, he may be in violation of Section 6 (a) (2) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 if he actually utilizes this passport to effect foreign travel.

Furnish the Bureau complete details following Arnautoff's departure from Montreal.

For your additional information, Arnautoff is a male Caucasian who was born on 11/11/96 in Russia. He was naturalized on 8/2/37 in United States District Court, San Francisco, Certificate of Naturalization Number 4331663. He was married on 9/1/23 to Lydia V. Blonsky. He is 5'10" tall and has gray hair and brown eyes.

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Enclosures - 2

1 - San Francisco (105-9593)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

April 25, 1963

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Director, FBI

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Reference is made to my letter dated April 24, 1963.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated April 22, 1963, at San Francisco, California, which contains further information regarding proposed travel to the Soviet Union by Victor Michael Arnautoff. The confidential informant designated as T-1 is identical with T-1 in the memorandum dated April 15, 1963, at San Francisco and has not been the subject of a previous inquiry by the Department.

Enclosure

100-47675

1 - San Francisco (105-9593)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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FBI

Date: 4/22/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593) (P)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Re San Francisco letter 4/15/63.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of LHM dealing with Subject's departure from the United States for the Soviet Union. One copy of LHM has been furnished INS, San Francisco, for its information.

SF T-1, mentioned in enclosed LHM, is [redacted] who furnished reported information to SA KENNETH MOORE on 4/22/63.

Enclosed LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" inasmuch as information set forth therein, as furnished by SF T-1, could result in compromise of a confidential informant who is furnishing information of continuing value.

Any additional data developed concerning Subject's trip to the Soviet Union will be promptly furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco 2, California

April 22, 1963

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

San Francisco T-1 advised on April 22, 1963, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is leaving San Francisco via air on April 28, 1963, for New York City. He will stay overnight in New York City and proceed by train to Montreal, Canada, where he plans to take the Polish liner "Batory" to Helsinki, Finland, from where he will proceed to the Soviet Union.

ARNAUTOFF now holds a Sovist visa which is good for a stay of 90 days in the Soviet Union.

Continuing, SF T-1 advised that ARNAUTOFF has asked for and obtained a six-month leave of absence from the Inner Mission Section of the San Francisco County Communist Party but has paid his dues in advance for a period of one year.

According to SF T-1, while there is no positive data available as to ARNAUTOFF's plans for returning to the United States at the present time, ARNAUTOFF gives every indication that he will return to this country.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco 2, California

April 22, 1963

TITLE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED AND CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

Source mentioned in referenced communication has furnished reliable information in the past.

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BU FILE # 100-47675

Title VICTOR MICHAEL
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Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

On 4-29-63, three copies of each of San Francisco LHMs dated 4-15-63 and 4-22-63, in the captioned matter were furnished to [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 5/6/63

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Re Buairtel 4/23/63, and San Francisco airtel 4/22/63, which furnished the Bureau details concerning captioned individual's itinerary of his trip to the Soviet Union.

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With reference as to whether evidence is available regarding ARNAUTOFF's knowledge of the October 21, 1961, registration order against the CP, USA, and regarding the provisions of Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950, [redacted] was contacted. As the Bureau is aware, this informant has for many years been closely associated with ARNAUTOFF, both being members of the same CP club.

Informant advised that the above-mentioned matters were never the subject of a discussion at club meetings, nor did he ever discuss these matters privately with ARNAUTOFF.

This office is continuing to review its files to determine if we have any evidence in the above regard, and the Bureau will be promptly advised in the event such evidence is located.

(2) - Bureau (RM)
1 - San Francisco
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-47675) DATE: 5/6/63

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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UNAVAILABLE SECTION

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[XX] Miscellaneous *(specify)* Out of the country.

[ ] Tab for Detcom | Race | Sex [ ] Male [ ] Female

Date of Birth | Place of Birth

Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*

Traveling to ~~the~~ Soviet Union.

Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

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1 - San Francisco
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 5/23/63

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593) - P

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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ISA OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

OO: San Francisco

Re Bureau Airtel 4/23/63, which among other items requested this office to advise whether evidence is available regarding ARNAUTOFF's knowledge of the 10/20/61 registration order against the Communist Party, USA, and regarding the provisions of Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

San Francisco letter of 5/6/63, advised of the results of a contact with [redacted] in the above regard. This informant has for years been closely associated with ARNAUTOFF in the same Communist Party Club. This contact was negative.

An extensive review of the files of this office has failed to reflect we have any evidence regarding ARNAUTOFF's knowledge of the registration order against the Communist Party or regarding provisions of Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

San Francisco will be continuously alert to the possibility of developing evidence in the above regard and will immediately notify the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination should such evidence be developed.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - San Francisco
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5-82 (Rev. 4-29-57)

Date: 5-23-63

To: Director, FBI (Bufile : 100-47675)

Attention : _____

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa (100-439)

Title	Character IS - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT '50; PASSPORT SANCTION
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	Reference BUlet 4-25-63.

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- [ ] May be made as received
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Following offices would be interested in receiving copies of enclosures:

San Francisco (105-9593)

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Enclosures to R/S from Legat, Ottawa, to Bureau
dated 5-23-63, re: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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1 - Mr. Jackson
1 - Mr. Shubatt
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(IS) 100-47675

Date: June 13, 1963

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Copies of prior communications regarding subject's activities have previously been forwarded to your Agency ending with a memorandum dated April 22, 1963, at San Francisco, California.

Information has been received from a confidential source abroad indicating that the subject departed from Montreal, Canada, on May 3, 1963, on the "Batory."

It should be noted that the April 13, 1963, issue of the "People's World," a west coast communist newspaper, contained an article indicating that the subject would spend the next year in the Soviet Union. It was indicated that by special arrangements with Soviet art groups the subject would hold exhibitions of his paintings and would confer with artists in different parts of that country.

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It is requested that this Bureau be furnished with any information you may develop or obtain regarding subject's activities while he is abroad.

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NOTE:

Subject on Security Index and his foreign travel places him in violation of Section 6 (a) (2) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Pertinent information has been forwarded to the Internal Security Division of the Department. [redacted]

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This letter is classified "Secret" as it contains information received from [redacted] which was so classified.

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Director, FBI (100-47675)

1 - Mr. Jackson
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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Reurlet 5-23-63 and Legal Attache, Ottawa, letter with enclosure, 5-23-63.

The subject is in violation of Section 6 (a) (2) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (ISA-50) and you should insure that this matter receives appropriate investigative attention until all evidence has been established which would be necessary for successful prosecution of the subject.

If not previously handled, appropriate stops should be placed to insure your office is notified of subject's return to the United States. If information is received in advance of subject's return to the United States, appropriate investigation should be instituted to insure that evidence is obtained regarding subject's use of his passport to effect his re-entry.

In connection with subject's knowledge of the registration order against the Communist Party (CP) under the ISA-50, your attention is directed to Bulet to San Francisco, 5-31-62, which indicated the subject had forwarded a postal card to the President urging the President to suspend enforcement of the Act. Such information may be sufficient to establish subject's knowledge of the registration order. In addition to establishing that the subject had knowledge of the registration order and of the provisions of Section 6 of ISA-50, you should thoroughly review all informant reports regarding meetings, fund-raising affairs, rallies or social functions which the subject has attended since 6-5-61. It is noted that the Supreme Court decision regarding the CP was handed down on 6-5-61. Such meetings should not be limited to those of the CP only but should include meetings and functions sponsored by CP front organizations.

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It is noted that after the Supreme Court decision on 6-5-61 numerous discussions took place in the CP and CP front gatherings regarding the provisions of ISA-50 and its effect on CP members. In reviewing such information be alert for information regarding discussions of provisions of the Act or of the Supreme Court decision. Also be alert for statements regarding the possible curtailment of travel. In similar cases it is noted that a discussion took place at a meeting regarding recruitment and a statement was made indicating an individual would not join the group until after her return from Europe as she would not desire to incur prosecution under ISA-50. In another instance, the principal speaker at a May Day rally referred to this country being the only place where an individual could receive a jail sentence when applying for a passport. Similar statements made in the presence of the subject may be sufficient to establish the subject's knowledge of the provisions of Section 6.

Referenced Legal Attache, Ottawa, letter forwarded information regarding an unidentified female who accompanied the subject to the pier in Montreal but did not accompany subject abroad. You should determine if the identity of this individual can be established.

The above-suggested leads should be promptly covered and within 30 days from the date of this letter a current report should be submitted bringing this investigation up to date. Thereafter, you should be alert for information regarding subject's activities and insure that any pertinent information is promptly forwarded to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

Subject on Security Index and was issued Passport B273641 on 4-10-61. Admissible evidence regarding CP membership is available until at least February, 1963 [redacted] San Francisco should bring this matter up to date and submit current report in view of our referral to the Department.

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'He's such a gentle man . . .'

IT WAS THE NIGHT friends and admirers of Victor Arnautoff, artist and former professor of art at Stanford University, gathered in San Francisco to wish him "bon voyage."

Arnautoff had been invited to return to the Soviet Union, land of his birth, and spend a year lecturing and painting. It was an important opportunity for a man generally liked and admired in his community.

Douglas Connelly, painter and former president of Artists Equity, put the views of those assembled in a capsule:

"When I went to re-visit Victor's murals in Coit Tower," he said, "the janitor there exclaimed, 'So he is going to the old country! He is such a gentle man'."

This was, perhaps, the one thing all present were agreed upon. For many among the guests disagreed — with Arnautoff's artistic concepts, with his political views and with one another.

But real gentleness is a rare thing in our time of pettiness and frustration, of pressure and competition, and all those present were aware of this rare quality in the man they came to honor—the artists, the peace-fighters, the members of the Russian-American community were all drawn to Arnautoff.

THE ARTIST'S SON, Vassili Arnautoff, paid his father a rare tribute: "Victor always knows himself, which cannot be said of many of us. Since his youth, he has been pointed in a chosen direction and has been fighting like hell to get there."

Finding this direction was no simple matter. Born in Mariupol in southern Russia in 1896, Arnautoff became a Czarist officer and expert swordsman and fought in the first World War.

He left his native land in the turbulent days of the civil war, went to China and, in 1920, came to the United States. Upon his arrival in California he started studying and teaching at the California School of Fine Arts. He had chosen his direction — communication through artistic expression — and he never compromised on this.

"What an artist does in the confines of his studio is his own affair," he told the audience, "but as soon as his work is on view he has a social obligation."

HAVING STARTED his artistic career as a sculptor, young Arnautoff switched to painting because he felt that it offered greater breadth of expression.

Being particularly attracted to fresco painting, he went to Mexico in 1929 to work with and learn the techniques of Diego Rivera.

Out of this apprenticeship grew the great murals which grace our community at Coit Memorial Tower and the George Washington High School, at the Presidium Memorial Chapel, in Richmond, South San Francisco and Pacific Grove, which all tell of the people's fight for dignity and freedom.

"In order to move people, you have to speak their language," he told his friends. All his works bear out this view. They always intelligibly communicate the artist's thought.

HIS SENSE OF social responsibility caused Arnautoff, the infinitely patient teacher, to refuse to teach those who would substitute accident of mood for skill. He was not satisfied with teaching art at Stanford University for 30 years. He helped organize the Graphic Arts Workshop for those who needed help expressing themselves.

Art and struggle for a better life are indivisible to Arnautoff. In an interview with The People's World (Nov. 17, 1954), he quoted lines by the Russian poet Alexander Blok as expressing his approach:

"And let my song, full of poverty and pain, sound all over the world to awaken the people from their slumber, from their complacency."

His views caused him, together with his beloved wife Lydia who died from the effects of an automobile accident in 1961, to devote much time to community efforts.

For 16 years he was president of the Russian-American Society and since 1938 he has been a leading member of the American - Russian Institute, promoting cultural ties between the two countries.

As Irving Fromer, chairman of the Graphic Arts Workshop said: "He has the strong conviction that he has to take care of the future; that is what keeps him young."

—MARGRIT PITTMAN

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	SA JOHN P. MC HUGH	slm

CHARACTER OF CASE

IS - C; ISA OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH, 2/19/63, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A copy of this report is being designated for Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF as the subject of a possible deportation case.

Re Bureau letter 6/14/63 noting Subject's violation of Section 6 (a)(2) of the ISA of 1950 and suggesting the coverage of certain leads with a view to establishing necessary evidence which would sustain a successful prosecution of the Subject.

In addition to a stop with INS, appropriate stops have been placed with logical San Francisco informants to insure we are notified of Subject's contemplated return or actual return to the United States.

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Bureau airtel of 4/3/63 inquired whether evidence was available reflecting Subject had knowledge of the 10/20/61 registration order against the Communist Party (CP). Bureau letter of 6/14/63 indicated that Subject's knowledge of the Supreme Court decision of 6/5/61 requiring the CP to register would be germane to any prosecution of ARNAUTOFF under the ISA of 1950.

In view of the above, complete details regarding a CP meeting where the Supreme Court decision was discussed and where the Subject was present are set forth in the details of this report.

As pointed out in Bureau letter of June 14, 1963, numerous discussions regarding the ISA of 1950 took place in other than CP meetings. While such gatherings were held in the San Francisco area, we have no indication that Subject was present at any such gatherings, nor do we have any evidence reflecting specific knowledge on the part of the Subject of the provisions of Section 6, ISA of 1950.

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Logical San Francisco informants, including who, as the Bureau is aware, is a close personal friend of the Subject and who has been in the Subject's CP club for many years, were contacted regarding the identity of the unknown female mentioned in Legat, Ottawa letter of May 23, 1963, with negative results.

Any information developed regarding the identity of the above-mentioned female or any data which could possibly sustain a prosecution of the Subject under the ISA of 1950 will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau in report form.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date and/or Description of Information	Date Information Furnished	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
SF T-1:	Plans for trip to USSR	4/8/63	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER	105-9593-305

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Identity of Source	Date and/or Description of Information	Date Information Furnished	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
SF T-1: [redacted] (Continued)	Itinerary for Trip	4/22/63	SA KENNETH F. MOORE (Orally)	105-9593-310
	Presently in Soviet Union	7/9/63	SA KENNETH F. MOORE (Orally)	Instant Report, Page [redacted]
	8/9/61 2/19/63 3/63 4/9/63			
SF T-2: [redacted]	To Russia for one year	4/8/63	SA JAMES DUNPHY (Orally)	105-9593-292
	4/26/63			[redacted]
SF T-3: [redacted]	To Russia for three months	4/9/63	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER (Orally)	105-9593-304
	1/15/63 1/29/63			[redacted]
	ARI Sponsorship of Bon Voyage Party	4/9/63	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER (Orally)	105-9593-304
SF T-4: [redacted]				
SF T-5: [redacted]				[redacted]
SF T-6: [redacted]				[redacted]
SF T-7: [redacted]		4/17/63	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER (Orally)	105-9593-319

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Identity of Source	File Number Where Located
SF T-8: [redacted]	[redacted]
SF T-9: [redacted]	
SF T-10: [redacted]	
SF T-11: [redacted]	Documentation of "Voice of the Homeland"

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report Subject's activities, particularly any additional data which would support a prosecution of Subject under the ISA of 1950.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified SECRETential because (state reason)
data reported from [redacted] and [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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7. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 1/21/53.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
during initial interview, Subject refused to make any statements or answer any questions. Information developed since instant date reflects Subject continues to be a militant communist and consequently it is not believed any interview in the future would be productive.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
of Subject's attendance at a closed Communist Party meeting during April, 1963.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: INS, San Francisco (C-4331663)(RM)

Report of: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH
Date: 7/12/63
Office: San Francisco, California

Field Office File No.: 105-9593
Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title:

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Synopsis:

Subject sold his home at San Francisco and is presently in Soviet Union. Subject and Associates have variously indicated he plans to stay in the USSR for three months, six months, and one year. One associate stated he was going to the Soviet Union for permanent residence. ARNAUTOFF departed Montreal, Canada, aboard M. V. BATORY on May 3, 1963, destined for Leningrad. He had in his possession U.S. Passport B273641 which was issued April 10, 1961. Subject in attendance at closed Communist Party (CP) meeting August 9, 1961, where a discussion took place concerning Supreme Court decision requiring CP to register. Attended CP meeting April 9, 1963, where he secured six month leave of absence from CP for purpose of travel to Soviet Union. Paid CP dues for one year in advance prior to departing United States.

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DETAILS:

I. SUBJECT'S TRAVEL TO SOVIET UNION

In early April, 1963, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF advised friends that he was contemplating a trip to the Soviet Union for a period

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of six months. One of his close associates stated that he would be going to Russia for permanent residence.

He sold his house in the San Francisco area and prior to his contemplated departure for Russia was residing in the home of a friend in San Francisco.

(SF T-1, 4/8/63)

During the course of a meeting at the American Russian Institute (ARI) held on Friday evening, April 5, 1963, at the headquarters of the organization, the President of the organization announced to those present that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would be shortly leaving for the Soviet Union for the purpose of studying there for a period of one year.

(SF T-2, 4/8/63)

The ARI of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 9, 1963, ARNAUTOFF advised another associate that he planned to travel to Moscow, would remain there for three months, and after his arrival in Moscow would attempt to prolong his stay in the Soviet Union. He did not indicate how long his stay would be in Russia.

(SF T-3, 4/9/63)

The "People's World" (PW), a west coast communist weekly publication, in its edition of April 13, 1963, on page 3, carried an article indicating that ARNAUTOFF would leave soon for the Soviet Union to spend a year there.

Continuing, the article noted that by special arrangement with Soviet art groups he would hold exhibitions of his paintings, confer with artists in different sections of the Soviet Union, and travel and paint in Russia.

The article noted "he will be one of the few American artists to be given the opportunity to live and paint in the Soviet Union for so extensive a visit."

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Another article to the same effect appeared in the "People's World" in its edition of April 20, 1963, on Page 3.

The April 19, 1963, edition of "Novaya Zarya", a local Russian language newspaper, announced that ARNAUTOFF would be leaving shortly for the USSR, where he planned to visit relatives in Kiev. The article noted that his trip would last several months and indicated he would organize exhibits of his paintings in the Soviet Union.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in late April, 1963, was scheduled to leave San Francisco via air on April 28, 1963, for New York City. He planned to stay overnight in New York City, then proceed by train to Montreal, Canada, where he would board the Polish liner BATORY to proceed to the Soviet Union.

At the time of his departure from San Francisco, ARNAUTOFF reportedly held a Soviet visa which was good for a stay of ninety days in the Soviet Union.

(SF T-1, 4/22/63)

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF boarded the M. V. BATORY in Montreal, Canada, on the morning of May 3, 1963. He had in his possession American Passport Number B273641 made out to VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, born in Russia on November 11, 1896. The Passport was issued on April 10, 1961.

On the occasion of his boarding of the BATORY, ARNAUTOFF stated he had a visa for the USSR which was valid for three months. He held a one-way ticket, No. 07483, for passage to Leningrad on the May 3, 1963, sailing of the BATORY. At the time he indicated he intended to return to the United States perhaps by way of New York and noted he may travel by air on his return trip.

When boarding the ship, ARNAUTOFF was accompanied by an unidentified woman described as approximately 40 years, height 5'5" - 5'6", weight 160 - 180 pounds, hair dark brown, eyes brown, dress expensive, and well tailored. She evidently was depressed about ARNAUTOFF's departure as she was in tears when she left the BATORY prior to its sailing.

(SF T-4, a confidential source abroad, 5/21/63)

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Around the first of July, 1963, members of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's family in the San Francisco area reportedly received a letter from him. This letter allegedly indicated he was in Jgansk (phonetic), USSR. He reported that he was exhibiting his paintings and enjoying himself but made no mention of his future plans, itinerary, or return to the United States.

(SF T-1, 7/9/63)

II. POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE ON PART OF SUBJECT OF REGISTRATION ORDER AGAINST COMMUNIST PARTY UNDER INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

By letter dated May 18, 1962, Mr. J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, furnished to the FBI a number ~~of form~~ postal cards which were addressed to President JOHN F. KENNEDY, The White House, Washington, D.C. One card read as follows:

"Dear Mr. President:

"As an avid reader, and a prolific writer, you will understand my alarm at the thought of a McCarran Act LABEL on a newspaper of dissenting political opinion.

"You have spoken against the Birchites, yet the subpoenas served on the personnel of The Worker only encourage the ultra-right and threaten the survival of the free press.

"I urge that you suspend enforcement of the McCarran Act and protect the First Amendment: 'Congress shall make no law. . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press. . .'

"Sincerely,

"/S/ V. ARNAUTOFF
1007 Washington St.
Colma, Calif."

"The Worker" is an east coast communist weekly publication.

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A meeting of the Inner Mission Club No. 2 of the San Francisco County Communist Party (SFCCP) took place on August 9, 1961, at the residence of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

During the course of the above-mentioned meeting, one of the comrades present reported she had attended a meeting which had been addressed by GUS HALL the previous week. She stated that at this meeting HALL made a one and one half hour speech dealing mostly with Communist Party (CP) affairs. She reported to those present that HALL said the CP would fight the United States Supreme Court decision about Party registration and that there was a good chance the Party would win the fight. She stated that he urged all members to fight for world peace and join any peace organization. He also noted that the Communists should try to cooperate with other socialistic groups in the United States.

There was a brief discussion after this comrade had furnished her report on the GUS HALL meeting and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF expressed doubt that the CP could cooperate with the Trotskyites. It was suggested that if the Trotskyites agreed to follow CP leadership, cooperation would be possible.

(SF T-1, 8/15/61)

III. COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting of the Inner Mission Club No. 2 of the SFCCP which was held on February 19, 1963.

During the course of the above-mentioned meeting, ARNAUTOFF reportedly donated a painting of his to be raffled by the Inner Mission Club No. 2 to help that club raise its

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quota of $700.00 in connection with the PW (supra) fund drive.

(SF T-1, 2/25/63)

ARNAUTOFF was also present at a meeting of the above-mentioned club which took place at his residence during March, 1963, and attended an additional meeting of this club which took place on April 9, 1963.

During the course of the club meeting of April 9, 1963, ARNAUTOFF asked the comrades present for a six month leave of absence so he could go to the Soviet Union and the club granted his request.

In addition, ARNAUTOFF prior to his departure from the United States to the Soviet Union paid his Communist Party club dues in advance for one year.

(SF T-1, 4/3/63 and 5/3/63)

IV. AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE (SUPRA)

During January, 1963, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was identified in correspondence of the American Russian Institute as a member of the "Executive Committee" of the ARI.

(SF T-5, 1/31/63)

During January, 1963, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at two meetings of the Board of Directors of the ARI, which were held at ARI Headquarters, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, on January 16, 1963, and January 29, 1963.

(SF T-3, 2/21/63)

The PW, in its edition of April 13, 1963, on Page 11 carried an announcement that a Bon Voyage Reception would be held at the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California, on April 26, 1963. This reception was to be sponsored by Friends of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and would feature a dessert supper and program, including music, dance, and greetings by "community leaders". Tickets are $2.50 and could be secured at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco (Headquarters of the ARI).

The ARI was the actual sponsor of the above-mentioned affair and paid for the room rental at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel out of its funds.

(SF T-3, 4/9/63)

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Announcements concerning the Bon Voyage Reception for VICTOR ARNAUTOFF were made at various Communist Party club meetings in the San Francisco area.

(SF T-6, 4/15/63)

In addition to the foregoing, an announcement of this affair was distributed throughout the San Francisco area on the letterhead of the ARI.

The above announcement featured a short biography of ARNAUTOFF noting that he "participated actively in cultural interchange with the USSR and in the drive to destroy Fascism."

(SF T-7, 4/17/63)

The above-mentioned affair was held as scheduled April 26, 1963, at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. Estimates of those in attendance varied from 150 to 350.

(SF T-8, 4/29/63
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SF T-10, 5/3/63
SF T-2, 4/29/63)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

The Russian language publication "Golos Rodiny" (Voice of the Homeland) published by the Committee for a Return to the Homeland and the Development of Cultural Ties with Compatriots in its October, 1962, edition, carried an article entitled "There Are Many Such As He".

The article reflects that Cosmonaut G. S. TITOV is preparing a book which contains a chapter entitled "Meeting with America". In this chapter, TITOV relates meeting painter-professor VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on the occasion of his visit in San Francisco at a meeting arranged for him at the Fairmont Hotel in that city.

"Already prior to our arrival in San Francisco a special committee was formed. This committee included the representatives of trade unions, student youth, organization of the fight for peace. We sensed immediately a friendly atmosphere.

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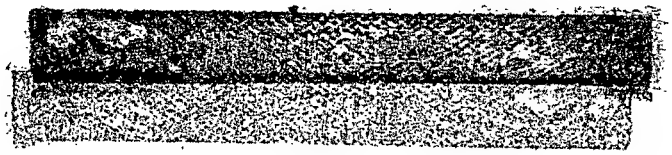
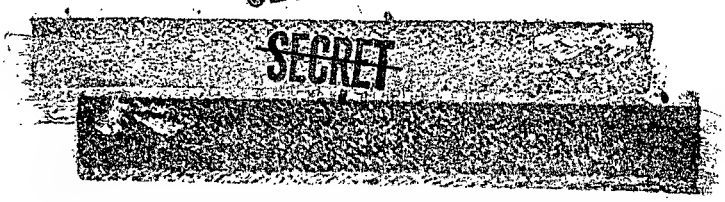


".... "A stirring speech was made by painter-professor ARNAUTOFF. He was a participant in the First World War and his son fought against Fascism during the Second World War. Presenting his painting as a token of friendship ARNAUTOFF said 'I conduct and will conduct the most decisive struggle so there will not be a Third World War.' During these minutes I thought: Here is a voice of a simple honest American to whom the policy of military psychosis, the establishment of bases on foreign territory, the support of colonialism, is foreign organically. And it is so good that there are many such as he."

The Committee for a Return to the Homeland and Development of Cultural Ties with Compatriots is a Soviet propaganda organization founded in East Berlin, Germany, in 1955 and since that time has been headed by various Soviet officials. The Committee publishes a magazine entitled "Homeland" and a newspaper "Voice of the Homeland" in the Russian, Belorussian, Estonian, Ukrainian, Georgian and other related languages. Such publications, which are mailed to numerous persons having a family origin in countries now under Soviet domination, attempt to entice such individuals to return to their homeland; to praise the accomplishments of the current government of their individual countries or origin; to attack and vilify generally the activities, leaders and mores of countries in the free world."

(SF T-11)



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-9593

July 12, 1963

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Reference Report of Special Agent JOHN P. MC HUGH, dated and captioned as above, at San Francisco.

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1 - Mr. Rushing

SAC, San Francisco (100-28810 Sub B) May 15, 1963

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, FBI (100-356062 Sub 47)

DETPRO
SEARCHES

Reurlet dated 5/10/63.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum forwarded to the Department amending and replacing data previously transmitted concerning the residence of Victor Michael Arnautoff for search under the authority of the Master Search Warrant, pursuant to your recommendation.

Enclosures - 2

1 - 100-47675 (Arnautoff)

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1 - Mr. Rushing

SAC, San Francisco (100-28810 B) May 27, 1963

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, FBI (100-356062 Sub 47)

DETPRO
SEARCHES

Reurlet dated 5/22/63.

In accordance with your recommendation, the residence of Victor Michael Arnautoff hasebeen deleted from those locations listed for search under the authority of the Master Search Warrant. Similar action should be taken in your office.

1 - 100-47675 (Arnautoff)

TDR/mea
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-356062 Sub 47) 5/22/63

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28810B)

DETPRO SEARCHES

It is recommended that the Master Search Warrant be amended to delete the residence of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF at 1465 9th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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1 - San Francisco
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-47675) DATE: 1/3/64

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593)

ATTENTION: ~~SPECIAL~~ Unadulated SECTION

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
IS - C
ISA OF 1950 (PASSPORT SANCTION)

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[ ] It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

[X] The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

Name		
Aliases		
[ ] Native Born	[ ] Naturalized	[ ] Alien
[ ] Communist	[ ] Socialist Workers Party	[ ] Independent Socialist League
[ ] Miscellaneous *(specify)*		
[ ] Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex [ ] Male [ ] Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)* unknown		
Key Facility Data Geographical Reference Number Interested Agencies	Responsibility 100-47675-	
Residence Address Soviet Union (~~Place Unknown~~)	NOT RECORDED 8 JAN 6 1964	

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - San Francisco

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	1/3/64	7/12/63 - 1/2/64

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	SA JOHN P. MC HUGH	rew

CHARACTER OF CASE

IS - C
ISA OF 1950 (PASSPORT SANCTION)

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH dated 7/12/63 at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

A copy of this report is being designated for INS, San Francisco in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF.

INFORMANTS:

SF T-1 [redacted] Expression of friendship from Soviet Embassy

Address May 1963

August 1963 receptions in the Soviet Union

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SF T-2 [redacted]	October 1963 exhibition in Soviet Union	8/29/63	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER orally	105-9593-375
SF T-3 [redacted]	Soviet Passport	12/30/63	SA KENNETH F. MOORE orally	This report Page 2

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LEAD:

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report Subject's activities, particularly any data which definitely indicates he plans to remain permanently in the Soviet Union or return to the United States.

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JPM/rew

1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)

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data reported from [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof and because the details of this report reflect the Bureau's interest in the personnel of a foreign diplomatic establishment.

7. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 1/21/53.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

since during initial interview Subject refused to make any statements or answer any questions. No data has been developed that his sympathies have changed and it is not believed that any interview in the future, even if Subject becomes available for same, would be productive.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

of Subject's attendance at a Communist Party closed meeting during April 1963.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663) (RM)

Report of: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH
Date: 1/3/64

Office: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Field Office File No.: 105-9593

Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950 (PASSPORT SANCTION)

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside in the Soviet Union. During October 1963, a former associate of the Subject's from San Francisco, California, who was then travelling in the Soviet Union, reportedly visited with ARNAUTOFF and ascertained he, ARNAUTOFF, has a Soviet passport and does not plan to return to the United States.

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DETAILS:

Prior to leaving the United States for the Soviet Union, the First Secretary for Cultural Affairs of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., sent to ARNAUTOFF on behalf of the Soviet Embassy cordial greetings and expressions of gratitude for ARNAUTOFF's contribution to the cause of friendship and mutual trust between the peoples of the USSR and the USA.

Continuing, these greetings indicated that now that

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ARNAUTOFF was going to visit the Soviet Union "we hope you will find there the same understanding and appreciation of your artistry and personal merits which you enjoy amongst your friends in this country."

SF T-1 - 8/22/63

During May 1963, ARNAUTOFF could reportedly be contacted at the following address in the Soviet Union:

c/o Mrs. M. ASTAKHOV
Dnepropetrovsky No. 3, Apt. 21
Zhdanov, Danerkeey Oblasty
Ukraine, USSR

SF T-1 - 7/15/63

During August 1963, certain former associates of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in the San Francisco area had heard from him and he had informed them that he was receiving an enthusiastic reception in the Soviet Union and would shortly have a reception in his honor at his home town (name unknown) following which he would have another reception in his honor in Kiev in the Ukraine.

SF T-1 - 8/15/63

In addition to the above, during August 1963, another former associate of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in San Francisco was advised by a mutual friend of ARNAUTOFF's that the latter planned to exhibit some of his paintings in Kiev during October 1963.

SF T-2 - 8/29/63

During October 1963, another former associate of ARNAUTOFF's, who was then travelling in the Soviet Union, had occasion to meet ARNAUTOFF at an undisclosed location in Russia.

During the course of this meeting, ARNAUTOFF reportedly informed his friend from San Francisco that he presently possessed a Soviet passport and at present does not plan to return to the United States but plans to live permanently in the USSR (place unknown).

No information was available as to whether ARNAUTOFF had taken any steps to renounce his Amercan citizenship.

SF T-3 - 12/30/63

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California
January 3, 1964

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
Reference (PASSPORT SANCTION)

Report of Special Agent JOHN P. MC HUGH dated and captioned as above at San Francisco, California.

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SAC, San Francisco (105-9593) 3/5/64

Director, FBI (100-47675)

Personal Attention

1 - Miss Triplett
1 - Mr. W. L. Smith
1 - Mr. Shubatt

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

[redacted] a most sensitive and reliable source, advised that

V. A. Aleksandrov of
(individual or organization)

Moscow, Russia was
(address)

in contact with V. M. Arnautoff
(individual or organization, address)

1007 Washington, Colma, California

during December, 1963.
(month, year)

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COMM-FBI

According to the informant,

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Aleksandrov referred to Arnautoff as Viktor Mikhaylovich and thanked him and his friends for their hospitality to Aleksandrov and his fellow Soviet students.

Your report dated 1/3/64 indicated that the subject, Victor Michael Arnautoff, continued to reside in the Soviet Union. In the administrative pages of San Francisco report dated 7/12/63, it was indicated that a stop had been placed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and in addition stops had been placed with logical San Francisco informants to insure that your office was notified of the subject's contemplated return or his actual return to the United States.

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Letter to San Francisco
RE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
100-47675

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The information set forth above as received from [redacted] appears to relate to the subject. You should promptly conduct investigation at Colma, California, to establish if the subject has returned to the United States.

In connection with V. A. Aleksandrov, who is apparently also known as Volodya Aleksandrov, it should be noted that Vladimir Aleksandrovich Aleksandrov, a Soviet national, arrived in the United States on 8/23/61 in connection with the case captioned "Visit of Soviet Students to Stanford University, 1961-1962." This individual departed the United States on 6/27/62. You should review files of your office to determine if this individual is identical with the individual who, in December, 1963, was residing in Moscow, Russia. For your further information, it should be noted that the name "Volodya" is a diminutive of Vladimir.

Your investigation to identify V. M. Arnautoff should be discreetly handled until such time as you specifically determine that he is identical with captioned subject. You should also bear in mind that the address listed could possibly be used for mail purposes when actually the subject has not returned to the United States.

In the event the subject is located, you should expeditiously institute investigation to develop evidence regarding the subject's return to the United States including evidence to establish that he physically presented his passport to effect his re-entry into the United States. Investigation should also be instituted to develop evidence regarding the subject's continued Communist Party membership following his return to the United States.

Advise Bureau promptly when identity of V. M. Arnautoff is established and thereafter expedite the remaining investigation mentioned above.

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Letter to San Francisco
RE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
100-47675

NOTE:

Subject departed for Europe from Montreal, Canada, in May, 1963, and evidence is available regarding his Communist Party activities subsequent to 10/20/61, effective date of Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Information from [redacted] would indicate subject has possibly returned to the United States. Information from that informant was set forth in Hunter Report #11275.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 3/25/64

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593)(P)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
IS-C;
ISA OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

Re Bureau letter 3/5/64.

[redacted] is a close personal friend of long standing as well as a long time CP associate of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF (who, in Russian, would be known as VIKTOR MIKHAYLOVICH), who for many years prior to returning to the USSR, resided at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

[redacted] was contacted on 3/17/64 and advised that ARNAUTOFF, prior to proceeding to the Soviet Union, sold his residence at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. Source stated that ARNAUTOFF is presently in Russia and advised that none of his friends or associates in the San Francisco area have received any indication that he plans to return to the U.S.

[redacted] who is close to the leadership of the ARI of San Francisco, and who worked closely with ARNAUTOFF when he was active in this organization, advised on 3/18/64 that ARNAUTOFF is presently in the Soviet Union and apparently has no plans to return to the U.S. at this time.

With reference to V.A. ALEKSANDROV of Moscow, who communicated with ARNAUTOFF, referenced Bureau letter suggested he was possibly identical to VLADIMIR ALEKSANDROVICH ALEKSANDROV, a Soviet student who was in the U.S. from 8/23/61 to 6/27/62 during which time he was an exchange student at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

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It is noted that during 1962, [redacted] advised he was present at a barbecue given in honor of five Soviet exchange students attending Stanford University and the UC at Berkeley, California. The barbecue was given by VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF at his residence at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, on 4/15/62. At the time, [redacted] did not learn the names of all of the Soviet exchange students who were present, however, upon being recontacted on 3/17/64, [redacted] was shown a photograph of VLADIMIR ALEKSANDROVICH ALEKSANDROV. He stated this individual was definitely one of the Soviet exchange students from Stanford University present at the above mentioned barbecue and he definitely recalled that this individual's permanent residence was Moscow, where he lived with his wife and one child.

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In view of the above, it appears that the V. A. ALEKSANDROV of Moscow mentioned in referenced Bureau letter is identical with VLADIMIR ALEKSANDROVICH ALEKSANDROV.

It would appear that ALEKSANDROV is not aware of ARNAUTOFF's current residence in the Soviet Union but merely communicated with ARNAUTOFF at the only address of ARNAUTOFF's he knew.

San Francisco will continue to be alert for any data reflecting that Subject plans to return to the United States, at which time the Bureau will be immediately advised and the investigation outlined in referenced Bureau letter expeditiously undertaken.

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SAC, San Francisco (105-9593) 4-10-64

Director, FBI (100-47675)

Personal Attention

1 - Miss Triplett
1 - Mr. Jackson
1 - Mr. Shubatt

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

[redacted] a most sensitive and reliable source, advised that Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (individual or organization) of 730 Third Avenue, New York, New York (address) was in contact with Victor Arnautoff, Apartment 21, Dnepropetrovsky (individual or organization, address) No. 3, Zhdnov, Ukrainian S.S.R. during January, 1964 (month, year).

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COMM-FBI

According to the informant, **Victor Arnautoff is apparently receiving some type of pension or dividend from the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America. According to the informant, Arnautoff, in February, 1964, would receive a payment of $78.72.**

The above information is being furnished for the information of your office only and, as noted above, such information should not be disseminated outside the Bureau. If at some future date such information would be of interest, the information should be utilized for lead purposes only.

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Letter to San Francisco
RE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
100-47675

NOTE:

Subject departed the United States in mid-1963 and is in violation of Section 6 (a)(2) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. He continues to reside in the USSR and no information has been received indicating he contemplates re-establishing his residence in the United States. The above information received from [redacted] could be of interest to San Francisco in the future in the event subject should return to the United States. This information is contained in Hunter Report Number 11521.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bufile 100-47675
SF 105-9593

San Francisco, California

May 13, 1964

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, aka

The following is called to your attention in connection with your responsibility in protecting the President of the United States.

1. DESCRIPTION

Name and Aliases:	VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, aka Victor Mikhail Arnautoff, Victor Arnatootov, Victor Michail Arnautoff
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	November 11, 1896
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	150 pounds
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Ruddy
Peculiarities:	Wears mustache, sharp features
Marital Status:	Widower
Relatives:	MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, son BASIL ARNAUTOFF, son JACOB ARNAUTOFF, son
Nationality:	Naturalized American
Birth Place:	Marinpol, Russia
Residence:	Soviet Union

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, aka

2. BACKGROUND DATA

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF entered the United States in 1931 and became a United States citizen at United States District Court, San Francisco, in 1939. For many years prior to his recent retirement he was employed in the Art Department of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. He recently sold his home in the San Francisco area and traveled to the Soviet Union where he may remain as a permanent resident.

3. BACKGROUND DATA AND INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S AFFILIATION WITH AND PARTICIPATION IN A SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT

ARNAUTOFF, a long time member of the Communist Party, was active in its affairs in the San Francisco area prior to proceeding to Russia recently. Before departing for the Soviet Union he obtained a leave of absence from his local Communist Party Club.

In addition, ARNAUTOFF was for many years prominently active in the affairs of several Communist Party front organizations in the San Francisco area.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	SA JOHN P. MC HUGH	aab

CHARACTER OF CASE

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ISA OF 1950 (PASSPORT SANCTION)

REFERENCE: report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH dated 1-3-64, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report is being designated for INS, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF.

INFORMANTS:

SF T-1 [redacted]	4-6-64	STANLEY FEWSTER orally	105-9593-391
SF T-2 [redacted]	6-24-64	JOSEPH WUSLICH orally	this report, page 2

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LEAD:

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report Subject's activities, particularly any data which indicates he plans to remain permanently in the Soviet Union or comtemplates returning to the United States.

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SF 105-9593
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6. [X] This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)

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data reported from [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

7. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 1-21-53.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
since during initial interview Subject refused to make any statements or answer any questions. No data has been developed that his sympathies have changed and it is not believed that any interview in the future, even if Subject becomes available for same, would be productive.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

of Subject's attendance at a Commuist Party closed meeting during April, 1963.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663)

Report of: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH
Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: July 9, 1964

Field Office File No.: 105-9593
Bureau File No.: 100-47675

Title:

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950 (PASSPORT SANCTION)

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside in the Soviet Union. Reportedly has no plans for returning to the United States.

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DETAILS:

By report dated May 27, 1964, the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that the Passport Office had the United States Department of State indicated they had received no word from the United States Embassy at Moscow concerning the expatriation of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

During April, 1964, associates of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in San Francisco had indicated that they had heard from ARNAUTOFF who was continuing to reside in the Soviet Union. As of April, 1964, he was planning to go to Kiev for permanent residence at some time in the future and had no plans for returning to the United States.

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During June, 1964, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's son, JACOB ARNAUTOFF, was telling friends in the San Francisco area that his father plans to remain permanently in the USSR. JACOB ARNAUTOFF advised that his father had recently received a commission which JACOB described as a "big job" from the Soviet Government. According to what JACOB advised ARNAUTOFF's friends, this job would entail VICTOR ARNAUTOFF traveling throughout the Soviet Union doing art work. He did not further describe this work or indicate where ARNAUTOFF was permanently residing in the Soviet Union.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California
July 9, 1964

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

Reference Report of Special Agent JOHN P. MC HUGH dated and captioned as above at San Francisco, California.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: August 13, 1964

FROM : Mr. E. B. Reddy

SUBJECT: **VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF**
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(PASSPORT SANCTION)

By letter dated 7/13/64 the Internal Security Division of the Department advised in part as follows:

> "As you know, in its decision in the case of Aptheker, et al., v. the Secretary of State on June 22, 1964, the Supreme Court held Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 to be unconstitutional on its face and unconstitutional as applied to the appellants. Therefore, prosecution for a violation of Section 6 cannot be undertaken in any of the cases which you have under active investigation.

By airtel 7/16/64 those field offices which had cases involving violations of Section 6 under active investigation were advised to discontinue such investigations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be filed to record the fact that the Department has declined prosecution in captioned case.

EBR:bgc

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FORM IS-44 (REV. 5-14-64)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

United States Government
MEMORANDUM

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To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: February 4 1965

Card U.T.D.

From: Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Subject: INDEX REVIEW SF ARNAUTOFF

Re: VICTOR MICHAEL

File in FBI No. 100-47675
CC in 100-398030

Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested

by you on _____.

It has been determined that indexing of this case for future

review should be

☑ continued ☐ discontinued

Commentary:

100-398030

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cc: FBI
ISD-SO
Dept. 146-012-18-2

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SAC, San Francisco (105-9593) 4/15/65

Director, FBI (100-47675)

1 - Mr. Glascock
1 - Mr. Jackson

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4/20/65

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A review of the investigation of this subject to date discloses that he departed Montreal, Canada, for the Soviet Union on 5/3/63, where he continues to reside. Inasmuch as this subject is no longer in a leadership capacity in the Communist Party in your area, his name is being deleted as a key figure in your office, and you should take similar action.

NOTE:

Information received to date indicates subject may remain in the Soviet Union permanently.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	7/19/65	7/7/65 - 7/13/65

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	SA JOHN P. MC HUGH	slc

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH, dated 7/9/65, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being designated for INS, San Francisco in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	Description of Information Furnished	File Where Located
SF T-1	Address 9/4/64	
~~SF T-2~~	Remarriage	

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

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INFORMANTS: (Continued)

Further plans furnished orally on 7/12/65 to SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, this report.

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6. [XX] This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) data reported from SF T-1 could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential source of continuing value and compromise further effectiveness.

7. [XX] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 1/21/53.
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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663) (RM)

Report of: SA JOHN P. MC HUGH **Office:** SAN FRANCISCO
Date: 7/19/65

Field Office File #: SF 105-9593 **Bureau File #:** 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: SECURITY MATTER
~~INTERNAL SECURITY~~ - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside in the Soviet Union. Reportedly has no plans for returning to the United States.

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DETAILS:

During September, 1964, the Subject's address was City of Jhdanov, Dnepropetrovski, Street 3, Apartment 21, U.S.S.R.

(SF T-1 on 9/4/64)

In February of 1965 Subject communicated with friends in the United States relating that he had been exhibiting his paintings throughout the Soviet Union and had recently concluded an exhibit at Kiev, U.S.S.R. He noted

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that this exhibit was a hugh success and that following this exhibit his paintings were moved to the City of Jhdanov, where he, ARNAUTOFF, was then residing. Continuing he noted that he recently received a better and larger apartment to live in and that he has appeared on Soviet television on several occasions. In addition, friends of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in San Francisco have ascertained that he remarried in the early part of 1965 but they were unable to advise as to his wife's name or background.

(SF T-1 on 3/2/65)

As of July, 1965 close friends of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF have received no indication that he plans to return to the United States and as far as is known he intends to remain indefinitely in the Soviet Union.

(SF T-1 on 7/12/65)

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

July 19, 1965

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character SECURITY MATTER ~~INTERNAL SECURITY~~ - C

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(1) Photo. to SS. By FD 376. For Info 8-9-65

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- [ ] Discontinue
- [ ] Expedite
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- [ ] Return assignment card
- [ ] Return file
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- [ ] Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	7/22/66	7/14/65 - 7/14/66

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	JOHN P. MC HUGH	sea
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
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REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH dated 7/19/65 at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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SF 105-9593
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INFORMANT

Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
SF T-1 is [redacted]	Present residence	7/8/66	STANLEY F. FEWSTER orally	This report page 1
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BU 100-47675

July 22, 1966

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)(RM) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
U. S. Secret Service, San Francisco

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Enclosure(s) (1)(RM) *(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)*

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Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663) (RM)
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Report of: JOHN P. MC HUGH **Office:** San Francisco, California
Date: 7/22/66

Field Office File #: 105-9593 **Bureau File #:** 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside in the Soviet Union. He reportedly has no plans for returning to the U. S.

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DETAILS:

During July, 1966, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continued to reside in the City of Zhdanov (Jhdanov), USSR. He has no plans to return to the U. S.

SF T-1, 7/8/66

During June, 1966, ARNAUTOFF was attempting to influence one of his sons to go to the USSR for permanent residence.

SF T-1, 6/23/66

The April 19, 1966, issue of "Novaya Zarya," a San Francisco Russian language newspaper, on page 2 carried an article regarding VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. The article noted as follows:

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SF 105-9593
JPM/sea

VICTOR ARNAUTOV is presently a resident of Zhdanov in the USSR. Since his return to the USSR and more recently in the City of Zhdanov, he is occupying his time working as an artist, most recently completing a mosaic panel on the newly-constructed House of Communications in the City of Zhdanov. The theme of the panel was the conquest of cosmos by the Soviet people.

Continuing, the article noted that when he first returned to the USSR for permanent residence, he had planned to settle in some big city such as Moscow or Kiev, but after becoming acquainted with fellow artists in the City of Zhdanov he decided to reside there and devote himself to artistic work in his native city.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.
SF 105-9593

July 22, 1966

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

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SAC, WFO

November 15, 1966

1 - Mr. Glascock
1 - Mr. Jackson

Director, FBI (100-47675)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM - C

This subject departed Montreal, Canada, for the Soviet Union on May 3, 1963, where he continues to reside.

The April, 1966, issue of "Novaya Zarya," a San Francisco Russian-language newspaper, carried an article concerning Arnautoff which discloses that he reportedly intends to remain permanently in Russia and at that time was residing in the city of Zhdanov. Arnautoff, a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office, at the time of his departure possessed U. S. Passport No. B 273641 which was issued April 10, 1961.

Washington Field Office requested to check the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, to determine if the subject has renewed his passport. Any additional pertinent information contained in the files of the Passport Division which would indicate that this subject has expatriated himself should be set forth in a form suitable for dissemination. Handle promptly.

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NOTE:

Subject is in Security Index and is a naturalized American citizen. He is an artist retired Asst Professor of Art, Stanford University, just prior to leaving for his homeland. Subject during his stay in San Francisco was a leader in the Communist Party and until his departure was a key figure of the San Francisco Office.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. R. W. Smith

DATE: OCT 31 1966

FROM Mr. L. F. Schwartz

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has furnished revised edition of its "watchlist of U. S. defectors" which brings the original CIA list up to date as of 9/13/66. (105-126481-179)

Copies of the revised list have been furnished by CIA to Secret Service, State, Defense Intelligence Agency, Army, Navy, Air Force, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and National Security Agency. CIA's listings are described as follows:

List A is an over-all listing broken down into List B and List C; List B contains information concerning persons last known to be within United States, that is, persons of direct investigative interest to Bureau; List C contains information concerning persons last known to be outside United States, some of whom were last known to be in Sino-Soviet-bloc countries. All persons listed in Lists B and C are also listed in List A. CIA has advised that its listings are meant only to be used as an operational tool. Precise definitions have deliberately not been developed by CIA for "defector" or "United States citizen." In general, CIA has listed United States citizens and others owing some measure of allegiance to United States Government who have evidenced disloyalty or disaffection by defecting or deserting or attempting or threatening to defect or desert to a Sino-Soviet-bloc country. CIA cautions that its listing of an individual is based on an operational judgement that that individual might have endangered or might some day endanger the security of the United States. No action should be taken against any individual solely on the basis of his inclusion on CIA lists but listings should merely alert users to fact that derogatory information may have been reported on the individual.

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By letter dated 1/28/65 (105-126481-66) CIA and other agencies listed above were reminded of Bureau's continuing desire to be advised of return to United States of persons who have demonstrated disaffection for United States while abroad. If information appearing in CIA List C concerning subject's location outside United States is dated prior to 1965, subject's main file and references subsequent to 1/28/65 should be reviewed to insure that Bureau has not received information that subject has returned to the United States. If it is found that subject has returned to the United States or if information is later received that he has returned to the United States and he has not already been considered for Security Index, consideration should be given to reviewing information in Bureau files and initiating an investigation of subject in accordance with Section 105G, Manual of Instructions, pertaining to disaffection of United States citizens.

Data concerning subject appearing on CIA List C are attached below, and are classified "Secret" by CIA. This information should not be included in reports or letterhead memoranda unless it is attributed to original sources:

FOIA(b)(1)
FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 12/9/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3728) (RUC)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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(OO:SF)

(1) CC-LHM - RAO, CDA

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ReBulet to WFO dated 11/15/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau and the San Francisco Office are five copies and two copies, respectively, of LHM reflecting results of a review of the passport records, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D.C., by SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER.

Retain at this time JPB

Also enclosed for the Bureau and San Francisco are one Xerox copy each of Department of State Operations Memorandum dated July 15, 1966, and an affidavit executed July 5, 1966, by the subject relative to the determination of citizenship of his three sons.

The enclosed Xeroxed USDS documents were made from copies of these documents furnished by Mrs. VERDE CRENSHAW, Passport Office, USDS, Washington, D.C., to SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER, and are being furnished to the Bureau and San Francisco for their information.

LHM is being classified "Confidential" because it contains information taken from USDS Operations Memorandum dated 3/20/64, to the American Embassy in Moscow captioned "Citizenship and Passports: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF" which is so classified.

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2 - San Francisco (Encs. 4) (105-9593) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 9, 1966

VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D.C., were reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on December 8, 1966, and they contained the following information:

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The USDS records revealed that agency received information in March, 1964, that Arnautoff had obtained a Soviet passport, and that he did not plan to return to the United States, but intended to reside permanently in the Soviet Union, place unknown. According to the USDS as of that time there was no information available as to whether he had taken any steps to renounce his American citizenship or apply for a renewal of his United States passport.

The USDS, in mid July, 1966, received information to the effect that Arnautoff had visited the American Embassy in Moscow on July 5, 1966, at which time he furnished a determination of citizenship affidavit in behalf of his three sons, one of whom wished to visit him in the Soviet Union.

At this time, according to USDS records, Arnautoff was interviewed concerning his current citizenship status. As a result of this interview the consular officer was of

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the opinion that Arnautoff had expatriated himself by voluntarily applying for and receiving Soviet citizenship even though his application was made at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. These records also revealed that an Affidavit of Expatriated Person had been prepared by the Embassy but was being held in abeyance pending a reply from the Soviet Government to an Embassy request for details of Arnautoff's naturalization in the Soviet Union. Specifically (1) the date and place of his application for Soviet citizenship; (2) the date and place of his acquisition of, confirmation of, Soviet citizenship; (3) the name of the authority that conferred Soviet citizenship upon Arnautoff; (4) whether Mr. Arnautoff acquired a new status as a Soviet citizen, or whether he received confirmation of a previously valid claim, deriving from his birth in Russia, or otherwise.

In late July, 1966, the USDS indicated to the American Embassy in Moscow that every effort should be made to determine whether the provisions of Section 349 (a) (1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 were applicable in Arnautoff's case. According to USDS under Section 351 (a) no national of the United States could be considered expatriated under Section 349 (a) (1) while within the United States or any of its outlying possessions. However, expatriation occurs, according to USDS, as soon as the person takes up a residence outside the United States; and if Section 349 (a) (1) is applicable the date of the expatriation would be the date Arnautoff arrived in the Soviet Union.

As of the date the review of these records was made there is no information contained therein indicating that Arnautoff had made any effort to renew his United States passport or that any final decision had been made relative to his expatriation.

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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic
Moscow Oblast
City of Moscow
Embassy of the United States of America
Consular Section

I, Victor Mikhail ARNAUTOFF (in transliteration from Russian version of name Viktor Mikhaylovich ARNAUTOV), born in Uspenovka, Mariupol'skiy uyezd, Ekaterinoslavskaya guberniya, Russia, on November 11, 1896, presently residing at Apartment 10, 6 Kopernik Street, Zhdanov 25, Donetskaya oblast', Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, hereby state that the persons named below, born on the dates and in the places indicated and presently residing at the addresses shown, are my own sons:

1. Michael V. ARNAUTOFF, 212 Paseo de Granada, Redondo Beach, California 90277, born in June 1924 in Mukden, China;
2. Vasily V. ARNAUTOFF, 1055 De Haro Street, San Francisco, California 94107, born in September 1925 in Mukden, China; USSR
3. Jacob V. ARNAUTOFF, 1532 Ada Street, Berkeley, California 94703, born in November or December 1930 in Coyoacan, Distrito Federal, Mexico.

I was naturalized before a Federal court at San Francisco, California, in 1937. I do not remember the month or day. All of my sons were, at the time of my naturalization, residing with me on Geary Boulevard, number not recalled, San Francisco, California.

My wife, and mother of my three sons, Lydia B. ARNAUTOFF, nee BLAWKY, born in Vladivostok, Russia, on February 6, 1902, was naturalized before the same court in late 1937 or early 1938. At the moment of her naturalization our three sons resided at the same address on Geary Boulevard, San Francisco, California. Lydia ARNAUTOFF died in San Francisco, California, on or about November 5, 1961.

I formally state that Michael V. Arnautoff, Vasily V. Arnautoff, and Jacob V. Arnautoff are the children of Lydia B. Arnautoff and me.

The above statements are made in connection with a determination of citizenship of my three sons named above.

Victor Mikhail Arnautoff
Victor Mikhail ARNAUTOFF

Subscribed and sworn before me
this Fifth day of July, 1966:

Walter Anderson
Walter Anderson
Consul of the United States of America

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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

TO: Department of State (PPT/FEA) DATE: July 15, 1966

FROM: Amembassy MOSCOW

SUBJECT: CITIZENSHIP & PASSPORTS: ARNAUTOFF, Victor Mikhail

REF:

Mr. Victor Mikhail ARNAUTOFF (in transliteration from Russian version of name Viktor Mikhaylovich ARNAUTOV), visited the Embassy on July 5, 1966. He stated that one of his sons, Mr. Vasily V. Arnautoff, of San Francisco, California wished to visit him in the USSR but had been unable to obtain a passport pending a citizenship determination. To permit such a determination to be made, Mr. Victor Arnautoff understood an affidavit would have to be executed by him before an authorized officer, in this case a consular officer of the Embassy at Moscow. The affidavit would contain a statement that Vasily Arnautoff was the son of Victor Arnautoff.

The original and one copy of the affidavit in question is enclosed for the Department's records.

The Embassy is forwarding an additional copy to Mr. Vasily V. Arnautoff under cover of the accompanying letter, which the Department is requested to forward at its discretion. If a different letter is sent, the Embassy would appreciate receiving a dated copy.

Since it appears that Mr. Victor Arnautoff was naturalized as a United States citizen in 1937, the opportunity was taken to interview him concerning his current citizenship status. The consular officer is of the opinion that he expatriated himself by voluntarily applying for and receiving Soviet citizenship. To be sure, the application was made at the Soviet Embassy at Washington, D. C., but since it was given effect subsequent to Mr. Arnautoff's entry into the USSR, we assume that the fact of the application having been within the United States would not prevent loss. An Affidavit of Expatriated Person was prepared, but is being held pending a reply from the Soviet Government to an Embassy request for details of Mr. Arnautoff's naturalization in the Soviet Union, specifically, (1) the date and place of his application for Soviet citizenship; (2) the date and place of his acquisition of, or confirmation of, Soviet citizenship; (3) the name of the authority that conferred Soviet citizenship upon Mr. Arnautoff; (4) whether Mr. Arnautoff acquired a new status as a Soviet citizen, or whether he received confirmation of a previously valid claim, deriving from his birth in Russia, or otherwise, to Soviet citizenship

The Embassy satisfied itself regarding Mr. Victor Arnautoff's identity by examining his Soviet internal passport.

Enclosures:

1. Affidavit (2)
2. To Mr. Vasily V. ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
   with enclosed affidavit

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. SF 105-9593
BU 100-47675

December 27, 1966

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH, dated July 22, 1966, at San Francisco

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Apartment 10, 6 Kopernik Street Zhdanov 25, Donetskaya, Oblast, Ukranian Soviet Socialist Republic, USSR

Employment:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 12/27/66

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593) (P)

SUBJECT: MICHAEL VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
SM - C

OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re WFO letter dated December 9, 1966, which indicates that efforts are underway to resolve the citizenship status of captioned individual.

WFO is requested to follow this matter with the Department of State and advise San Francisco as soon as Subject's citizenship status is resolved since in the event it is determined ARNAUTOFF is a citizen of the Soviet Union and has no plans of returning to the United States appropriate recommendation may be submitted to the Bureau to delete him from the Security Index.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-47675) DATE: 12/27/66

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593) ATTN: ~~Special~~ unavailable Section

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM - C

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Re: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH dated 7/22/66, at San Francisco.

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

Name		
Aliases		
☐ Native Born	☐ Naturalized	☐ Alien
☐ Communist	☐ Socialist Workers Party	
☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)*		
☐ Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number	Responsibility	
Interested Agencies		
Residence Address: Apartment 10, 6 Kopernik Street Zhdanov 25, Donetskaya, Oblast, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, USSR		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 1/13/67

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3728) (RUC)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM - C
(OO:SF)

ReSFlet to the Bureau dated 12/27/66.

Enclosed for the San Francisco Office is a Stop Notice card dated 1/13/67, pertaining to captioned subject. WFO, by letter dated 1/13/67, placed this stop with Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D. C., per San Francisco's request in referenced communication.

The San Francisco Office should notify WFO at the time they wish this stop removed as WFO is considering this matter RUC'd.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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SAC, San Francisco (105-9593)

6/14/67

Director, FBI (100-47675)

1 - Mr. Glascock
1 - Mr. Jackson
1 - Mr. Fulton

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM - C

Captioned individual was born in Russia on November 11, 1896, immigrated to the U. S. in 1931, became a U. S. citizen in 1939, and following his retirement from the Art Department of Stanford University he returned to the Soviet Union in 1963. Since that time he has not returned to the United States and has apparently obtained Soviet citizenship and plans to remain there permanently.

In view of subject's age and long time employment in the U. S., it is possible that he is currently receiving Social Security payments in violation of Treasury Department Circular Number 655, details of which were set forth on page 7 of SAC Letter 67-32 dated 6/6/67. In this connection, it is noted that in Bureau letter dated 4/10/64 you were advised for your information only that [redacted] had furnished information which indicated that subject received some type of pension or dividend from the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America. You are requested to make logical inquiries to determine if subject is currently receiving Social Security payments, and submit details in LHM form suitable for dissemination in accordance with the above-mentioned SAC letter.

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NOTE:

Subject is on the Security Index based on his membership and activities in the Communist Party and front groups in San Francisco prior to his departure for the Soviet Union.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI(100-47675) DATE: 7/10/67

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO(105-9593)(C)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM-C

Re Bureau letter, 6/14/67, instructing San Francisco to initiate inquiries to determine if captioned individual is currently receiving Social Security payments. On 7/5/67, Mr. ROBERT L. LANGDON, Assistant Director, Bureau of Accounts Disbursing Center, U. S. Treasury Department, 390 Main Street, San Francisco, California, furnished the information set forth below to SA JOHN P. MC HUGH. LANGDON advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's SSN (545-05-6678) is a California account number and that any Social Security payments made to ARNAUTOFF would be made to the San Francisco Disbursing Center of the U. S. Treasury.

LANGDON thoroughly checked the records of that disbursing center and advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is not receiving any Social Security benefits.

Since the information set forth above is of a negative nature, no LHM is being submitted by the San Francisco Office concerning this matter.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	8/11/67	7/15/66 - 8/11/67

TITLE OF CASE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

REPORT MADE BY: JOHN P. MC HUGH — TYPED: kah

CHARACTER OF CASE: SM - C

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH dated 7/22/66 at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being designated for INS, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF.

FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

INFORMANTS

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Sub. Amended pgs. with data from WFO. LHM. 12-9-66 8-21-67. ABF/gs

Identity of Source	File Where Located
SF T-1 is [redacted] who furnished reported information to SA ROBERT E. THAU on 2/17/67.	105-9593-450

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Identity of Source	File Where Located
SF T-2 is [redacted] who furnished reported information to SA KENNETH F. MOORE on 8/11/67.	

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
   Date photograph was taken _____.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. [X] This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because *(state reason)*
   data reported from SF T-2, if disclosed, could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

7. [X] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* 1/21/53.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because *(state reason)*
   he is unavailable for interview and even if available there is no reason to believe he would be cooperative and that an interview would be in any way productive.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because *(state reason)* of Subject's attendance at CP closed meetings during April, 1963.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [ ] is [X] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [ ] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because *(state reasons)*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BU 100-47675

August 11, 1967

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1 (RM)
U. S. Secret Service , San Francisco

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663) (RM)
1 - Secret Service, San Francisco (Class 3) (RM)

Report of: JOHN P. MC HUGH **Office:** SAN FRANCISCO
Date: 8/11/67

Field Office File #: SF 105-9593 **Bureau File #:** 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside in the Soviet Union. He has no plans for returning to the U. S.

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DETAILS:

During January, 1967, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's residence in the Soviet Union was listed as Kopernicus #6, Apartment #10, Zhdanov, USSR.

SF T-1 on 2/17/67

Former close associates of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in the San Francisco area have received no information indicating that he plans to return to the United States.

SF T-2 on 8/11/67

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SF 105-9593
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The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D. C., were reviewed by SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER on December 8, 1966, and they contained the following information:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California

August 11, 1967

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA JOHN P. MC HUGH dated and captioned as above at San Francisco.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FILE BU 100-47675

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Re Bureau routing slip dated 8/21/67.

Amended pages 1, 2, and 3 of report dated 8/11/67, attached. Appropriate corrections made San Francisco.

SAC CHARLES W. BATES

AM-RM See reverse side

Office SAN FRANCISCO

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 8/5/68

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593) (P)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM - C
00: SF

ReBulet to Albany, dated 2/8/68, entitled "SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS," which requested the reevaluation of each subject on the Security Index.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of San Francisco report of SA JOHN P. McHUGH, dated as above.

ARNAUTOFF is 72 years of age. For many years he was a member of the CP in San Francisco area and last attended a CP meeting in April of 1963. Shortly thereafter, he departed from the U.S. with the expressed intention of permanently residing in the Soviet Union. Since 1963 he has lived in the city of Zhdanov, USSR, and we have received no indication that he intends to return to the U.S.

ARNAUTOFF has applied for and received Soviet citizenship, and while his American citizenship status has not been definitely resolved, it has been the opinion of the Counselor Officer of the Department of Stated who interviewed him in Moscow in 1966 that he had expatriated himself by voluntarily applying for and receiving Soviet citizenship.

In view of the above, it is not believed that ARNAUTOFF meets the criteria for inclusion on the Security Index , and his removal from Index is accordingly being recommended.

5 ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	8/5/68	8/12/67 - 8/2/68

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF	JOHN P. McHUGH	med
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	SM - C	

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MW

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN P. McHUGH, dated 8/11/67, at San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is designated for INS, San Francisco, in view of that agency's continuing interest in ARNAUTOFF.

INFORMANTS

FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

SF T-1 is [redacted] furnished the reported information to SA EDWIN O. RAUDSEP, on 7/29/68.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663)(RM)
1 - Secret Service, San Francisco (Class 3)(RM)
3 - San Francisco (105-9593)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report				
Agency	RAO	SS	ST	CIA
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SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA Will take appropriate action with respect to subject's SI card upon receipt of information from the Bureau.

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SF 105-9593
JPM/med

1. XX Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. XX The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. XX A suitable photograph XX is ☐ is not available.
   Date photograph was taken 1963.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because *(state reason)*

7. XX Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* 1/21/53.
   XX Subject was not reinterviewed because *(state reason)*
   he is unavailable for interview, and even if available there is no reason to believe he would be cooperative or that an interview would be in any way productive.

8. XX This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☐ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because *(state reason)*

10. XX Subject's SI card ☐ is XX is not tabbed Detcom.
    ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because *(state reasons)*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

August 5, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Victor Michael Arnautoff

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1
U. S. Secret Service, San Francisco (RM)

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Enclosure(s) 1 *(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - INS, San Francisco (C-4331663)(RM)
1 - Secret Service, San Francisco(Class 3)(RM)

Report of: SA JOHN P. McHUGH Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: 8/5/68

Field Office File #: 105-9593 Bureau File #: 100-47675

Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside in the Soviet Union. He has no plans for returning to the U.S.

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DETAILS

During 1967, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's residence in the Soviet Union was Kopernicus Number 6, Apartment Number 10, Zhdanov, USSR. As far as it is known, he is still at the same address but is definitely living in the City of Zhdanov as of July, 1968.

Former close associates of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in the San Francisco area know that he is planning to reside in the Soviet Union permanently and has no plans to return to the United States.

SF T-1, 7/29/68

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, CAlifornia
August 5, 1968

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference San Francisco report, dated and captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Director, FBI

August 15, 1968

1 - Crescioli (Room 932)
1 - Enlow

EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

The name of the subject appearing below has been approved for inclusion in the Security Index by the Internal Security Division of the Department.

Name: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

FBI File Number: 100-47675

Department Approved: February 4, 1965

Date of Last Report: August 5, 1968

Investigation has failed to develop evidence of recent subversive activities or affiliations on the part of the subject. All pertinent information concerning the reported past subversive activities of the subject has been furnished the Records Administration Office.

It is requested that the results of the investigation be reviewed to determine whether the subject's name should continue to be included in the Security Index.

~~100-398030~~

1 -- San Francisco (105-9593)

NOTE: SAC, San Francisco
Pending receipt of reply from Department, subject's name will be retained in Security Index.

1 - 100-47675 (Arnautoff)

NOTE: Letter classified "Secret" as pertains to SI and EDP, component parts of which are so classified by the Department.

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SAC, San Francisco (105-9593) 10/8/68

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Director, FBI (100-47675) 249 1 - Mr. Mastrovich
1 - Mr. Rosack

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM - C

Security index card cancelled
10/8/68

ReBulet to the Department dated 8/15/68, captioned "Emergency Detention Program," a copy of which was furnished your office.

By letter dated 9/25/68, the Department advised that the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau and similar action should be taken with respect to the cards maintained in your office.

1 - 100-398030 (Emergency Detention Program)

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NOTE:

Last report dated 8/5/68.

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FORM IS-44 (REV. 5-14-64)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

United States Government
MEMORANDUM

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To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: September 25, 1968.

From: Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Security Index card cancelled

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

File in FBI No. 100-47675
cc: 100-398030

Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested by you on 8-15-68.

It has been determined that indexing of this case for future review should be

☐ continued ☑ discontinued

Commentary:

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cc: FBI
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. A. W. Gray

DATE: 17 MAR 1969

FROM : J. W. O'Rourke

SUBJECT: **VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF** 100-47675

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has furnished seventh edition of its "Watchlist of U.S. Defectors" which brings the original CIA list up to date as of 1-15-69, (105-126481-783). List is classified "Secret" by CIA. Copies of the revised list have been furnished by CIA to Secret Service, State, Defense Intelligence Agency, Army, Navy, Air Force, Immigaration and Naturalization Service, and National Security Agency.

List A is an over-all listing broken down into List B and List C; List B contains information concerning persons last known to be within U.S., that is, persons of possible investigative interest to Bureau; List C contains information concerning persons last known to be outside U.S., some of whom were last known to be in Sino-Soviet-bloc countries. CIA has advised that its listings are meant only to be used as an operational tool. Precise definitions have deliberately not been developed by CIA for "defector" or "U.S. citizen." In general, CIA has listed U.S. citizens and others owing some measure of allegiance to U.S. who have evidenced disloyalty or disaffection by defecting or deserting or attempting or threatening to defect or desert to a Sino-Soviet-bloc country. CIA cautions that its listing of an individual is based on an operational judgement that that individual might have endangered or might some day endanger the security of the U.S. No action should be taken against any individual solely on the basis of his inclusion on CIA list but this should merely alert users to fact that derogatory information may have been reported on the individual. Further descriptive information concerning the list appears in serial 783 and enclosures thereto.

Following are the meaning of some of special indicators appearing on the CIA list:

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ZOI - Subject's last known location is in U.S.

ABROAD - Subject's last known location is outside U.S. and outside Sino-Soviet-bloc.

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BLOC - Subject's last known location is in Sino-Soviet-bloc.

EXACT - Subject has been trained in or associated with violence, or has threatened or attempted violence, or has been characterized as mentally unbalanced and known to possess firearms.

COMP - Subject may have been involved in compromise of classified documents.

If no main file exists or subject has not previously been considered for Security Index, information in Bureau files concerning subject should be reviewed and necessary investigation, if any, should be initiated. Particular reference should be made to Section 87D, pages 44-47, Manual of Instructions, pertaining to consideration of subjects for Security Index and Section 105G, Manual of Instructions, pertaining to disaffection of United States citizens. Information concerning subject appearing on the CIA list is attached below. It should not be included in reports or letterhead memoranda unless it is attributed to original sources.

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FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

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FOIA(b)(3) 50 USC 403-1(i)(1) - Sources and methods

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 4/6/72

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-9593) (P)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM - C
OO: San Francisco

Re WFO letter, dated 1/13/67.

Referenced letter reflected that WFO placed a stop with the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

The captioned individual is over 75 years of age and has been living in the Soviet Union for many years. Although there is no indication he ever intends to return to the United States, the San Francisco Office feels that the stop with the Passport Office should be maintained indefinitely so that this Bureau will be cognizant of any travel of Subject to the United States.

WFO insure that stop is being maintained and advise Office of Origin.

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- Bureau (RM)
- WFO (RM)
- San Francisco
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 5/24/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3728) (RUC)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
SM-C
(OO:SF)

ReSFlet dated 4/6/72.

A review of the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, on 5/16/72, by SC BETTY SUE LEWIS disclosed that the stop placed by WFO by letter dated 1/13/67, to the Passport Office is still in effect regarding captioned individual.

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10 MAY 24 1972

2 - Bureau
2 - San Francisco (105-9593)
1 - WFO

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 2/27/79 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SAC, BOSTON (105-26084) (C)

SUBJECT: SERGEY ORESTOVICH BETENKITIN (SOBIR-SQ-C)
FCI-R (C)
(OO: BOSTON)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-321975)

Victor Michael Arnautoff

A Preliminary Investigation was initiated on 3/28/78; 90 day extension expires 4/30/79.

Re Bureau airtel to Boston dated 1/19/79 captioned as above and Bureau airtel to Albany dated 4/13/78 captioned "Immigrants and Refugees from Communist Countries (SOBIR-SQ) FCI-R (G)".

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM classified confidential.

With regard to current SOBIR-SQ instructions as contained in referenced Bureau airtel of 4/13/78, the following information is set out:

I. Background:

SERGEY ORESTOVICH BETENKITIN, born [redacted], Leningrad, USSR, resides at 100 Myrtle Street, Boston, Mass. and is self-employed as an artist (painter). Additional details concerning the subject's background are contained in enclosed LHM.

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REASON FOR EXTENSION, FCIM, II 1-2.4.2 2 & 3
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1 - Boston (105-26084)
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II. Sources:

Boston Soviet emigre community sources have reported no derogatory information concerning BETEKHTIN.

III. During the interview of BETEKHTIN on 2/6/79, it was determined that he is not Jewish though his wife is part Jewish. He appears to have no intention of mixing with the Soviet Jewish emigre community in Boston though he does attend the Russian Orthodox Church. Boston believes that he would be of little value as an asset. BETEKHTIN has a good understanding and spoken knowledge of the English language.

IV. Given the difficulty of corroborating information furnished during an interview of this nature and that contained in Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records, it is difficult to provide an accurate analysis. BETEKHTIN was interviewed for over three hours covering his complete background. One of the interviewing Agents is fluent in Russian. There was no indication of any inconsistencies in his story. From observation of his paintings that adorn his apartment walls and his manner, it is difficult to conclude that he is anything other than the eccentric painter he purports to be.

Since Boston is not considering development of BETEKHTIN as an asset, this case is being closed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

February 27, 1979

SERGEY ORESTOVICH BETEKHTIN

From a review of records from Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Hammond, Indiana in March, 1978, it was determined that Betekhtin entered the United States from the USSR on October 3, 1977 at New York City destined to join his wife, Susanne Oden Betekhtin, 1511 Dorchester Drive, Bloomington, Indiana. In February, 1978, Betekhtin and his wife moved to 195 Beacon Street, apartment 7, Boston, Massachusetts. (1,2,5)

On February 6, 1979, Betekhtin was interviewed by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Boston and furnished the following information:

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Sergey Orestovich Betekhtin was born [redacted] in Leningrad, USSR. He resided at Syezdovskaya Linia, number 31, apartment 50, Leningrad from 1953 to 1967 with his mother, Nona Vladimirovna Taleporovskaya; his aunt, Viola Vladimirovna Taleporovskaya; and his grandmother, Feodosia Ivanovna Milukova. Betekhtin's father (divorced) Orest Georgievich Betekhtin, who was born August, 1928 in Moscow, resides at 12 Linia, number 55, apartment 33, Leningrad and is an artist (painter) in the Leningrad Artist's Union.

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Betekhtin, himself a painter, considered his father to be an intelligansia "prostitute" to the Soviet system of Socialist Realist Art. During the period 1960 through 1969, Betekhtin attended Middle School number 32 in Leningrad. He attended sixth grade in Zhdanov, located on the north shore of the Sea of Azov, in the Ukraine.

In 1965, Betekhtin's divorced mother met and married Viktor Mikhailovich Arnautov, who was born in Zhdanov in 1897. Arnautov, also an artist, had traveled to China in 1918 where he married the daughter of the Russian Ambassador to China. He subsequently moved to San Francisco in the 1920's where he fathered three sons, Yakov, Mikhail, and Vasiliy and joined an artist's union. Arnautov joined the Communist party USA in 1935 and, according to Betekhtin, later testified before either the House Un-American Activities Committee or the McCarthy Hearings. In 1963 Arnautov and his wife toured the Soviet Union and he was favorable impressed. After his wife died, he returned to the USSR permanently in 1965. He met Betekhtin's mother at the Leningrad Artist's Union where she is an art historian. In 1967 Betekhtin accompanied Arnautov and his new wife to Zhdanov but returned to Leningrad in 1969 to live with his grandmother.

In 1969, he entered the Sirov Leningrad Art Institute which he attended sporadically until 1975. To comply with a regulation which requires a resident to work five months out of the year to retain his urban (Leningrad) residence, he was employed for five months of 1975 at the Leningrad House of Nature (literal translation), which is a conservation agency (urban). In 1976, he worked for four months at the Leningrad Union Attraction, a childrens amusement park. During these periods of infrequent employment, he spent his time painting and moving

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among his circle of friends who could be considered to be on the fringes of the dissident movement. Betekhtin helped to circulate Samizdat literature while living in Leningrad and was actually not allowed to complete his studies at the Art Institute because of his known political disaffection with the Soviet system particularly with regard to the Socialist Realism line in art.

With regard to military service, Betekhtin was inducted into the Soviet Army on May 16, 1973 and underwent one month of basic training at Tikhrin near Leningrad. He was assigned to a construction unit which is considered one of the worst assignments in the Army. Many of this unit's personnel were criminals and the prospect of this assignment prompted Betekhtin to slash his wrists. (He displayed his left inner arm which contained scars of several slash marks approximately four inches above the wrist area). Betekhtin was taken to State Mental Hospital number two, Leningrad where he convalesced for one month. During this time he was discharged from the Army as "Unsuitable for Military Service in peace or war time". While in the hospital, he made the acquaintance of Heyki Syakhka, an Estonian Nationalist from Tartu, Estonia. Betekhtin returned home in July, 1973 and worked for two months making signs for a taxi company before returning to the art institute.

Betekhtin stated that he had been contacted by the authorities on three occasions:

In 1969 a KGB Agent visited him during his first year at the art institute. During his last year in Middle School, a friend had given him a forty-five caliber Colt pistol to keep for a few days. This was a novelty since guns are rarely seen in the possession of the populace in the Soviet Union. The KGB had traced this gun to Betekhtin as a person among many whom the lender had given it, but after brief interrogation Betekhtin was allowed to leave.

Subsequent to his release from the mental hospital in July, 1973, Betekhtin corresponded with and visited his friend Syakhka in Tartu. The latter promised to visit

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Betekhtin but instead one day there appeared a forty-five year old man who introduced himself as a friend of Heyki and an employee of the Estonian Tourist Office who traveled frequently to Leningrad and Moscow. They talked for an hour at Betekhtin's residence but he did not attach any significance to the visit. At that time, he was living at Povarskoy Per D10 Dv12 with his second wife, Lilia Petrovna Matveyeva (born [redacted], Novgorod) who is a graduate of the Leningrad Institute of Radio and Telecommunications and is employed as a radio engineer at the Popov Scientist Institute of Radio Techniques. Having divorced his wife, he moved to another address. About three months after the visit of this Estonian, Betekhtin's ex-wife told him that the KGB was looking for him. In the interim, the Estonian had visited his wife persuading her to travel to Moscow (a one day's trip) to pick up a package in a railway station locker that he had inadvertently forgotten. She naively agreed and discovered on her return that the package contained Estonian Nationalist Separatist Literature. When the Estonian returned for the package she expressed her displeasure but did nothing. The Estonian, under KGB surveillance for three months during that period, was subsequently arrested in Estonia and Betekhtin's ex-wife was interrogated about the existance of a large Nationalist organization operating in Estonia-Leningrad. She was released but the Leningrad KGB Office then sought Betekhtin for questioning. Eventually, he was found, interrogated for three hours, and signed a form indicating that he knew nothing about this matter. His description was sent to Estonia and he was released. He attributed his release to the KGB interrogator Karl, last name unknown, who was young, liberal and not at all like Betekhtin's stereotyped image of the KGB. He assessed Karl as being disinterested in a matter of concern to the KGB in Estonia.

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His final contact with the authorities happened as a result of his friendship with a girl named Olga, last name unknown, a cashier at the central office for theater tickets, Leningrad who was convicted of embezzlement of $10,000 rubles. Betekhtin had given her some of his paintings as gifts, which she claimed during interrogation to have purchased from Betekhtin. Betekhtin was visited by OBKhSS (Department for Combating the Embezzlement of Socialist Property and Speculation) who questioned him about Olga.

Regarding contacts with United States Students in Leningrad, Betekhtin met an United States (Armenian American) exchange student named David, last name unknown from the University of Chicago in a friend's apartment in 1975. In December, 1976, at a party at a friend's apartment, he met Susanne Leslie Oden (date and place of birth, [redacted] Boston, Massachusetts), a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Russian language and literature who had entered Leningrad University in September, 1976 as an United States exchange student. They decided to marry and Oden, before returning to the United States on January 1, 1977, went to the United States Consulate in Leningrad to initiate paperwork concerning Betekhtin's emigration. She submitted a Soviet form formally inviting Betekhtin to the United States. He accepted the invitation and went to the office of Visa's and Registration (OVIR) Leningrad to fill out a Visa application. Susanne received a one week Visa for Moscow/Leningrad and they were married on March 26, 1977 in Leningrad. His American (IR-1) Visa was issued September 28, 1977 by the American Consulate in Moscow. Betekhtin

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entered the United States aboard an Aeroflot flight at New York City on October 3, 1978 and on October 4, 1978 joined his wife at her residence care of her mother Doris Oden, Bloomington, Indiana. In February, 1978, they moved to 195 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts and in September, 1978 they moved to their current address, 100 Myrtle Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Betekhtin decided to move to Boston to get proper exposure to a more suitable culturable atmosphere in which to survive as a painter. He is currently unemployed and devotes most of his time to painting. His paintings, which he signs "Bettal" (Betekhtin-Taleporovskaya) are displayed prominently throughout his Beacon Hill apartment. Susanne Oden Betekhtin is employed at the Bailey Employment Service, 100 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

In October, 1977, on the advice of a Soviet ex-patriot, Nadya (last name unknown) in Indiana, Betekhtin corresponded with the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., but did not submit his Soviet passport (number 017114). The embassy replied with an application form for a Consular Passport requesting background information on his parents and in-laws. Betekhtin did not relinquish his passport nor did he return the application. He has had no further contact with Soviet officials in or out of the United States.

Betekhin believes that his bad reputation as a political (artist) dissident in Leningrad and his brushes with the authorities as previously chronicled in this memorandum were overlooked by the authorities due to two reasons. His visit

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to the mental hospital in 1973 attested to his "insanity" and he was therefore left pretty much alone. Secondly, his step father Arnautov, as a returnee from the United States to the Soviet Union, seems to exert some influence with regard to Soviet preferential treatment of returnees who provide food for favorable propaganda. Arnautov's sons Yakov and Vasiliy have visited him since his return to the Soviet Union. Betekhin is of the opinion that Soviet fear that these sons would raise objections in the United States to harsh treatment of Betekhin in Leningrad and his step father's position as a returnee were influential in both protecting him from recriminations in the USSR and in gaining for him permission to leave.

Information contained in Betekhin's INS file (A34439660) which is now located at INS, Boston, Massachusetts does not conflict with information given during the course of this interview. According to these records, Betekhin was married to Lyubov Nikolayevna Ionova in 1971 (divorced 1973) and to Liliya Petrovna Matveyeva in 1974 (divorced 1976) both in Leningrad.

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